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U.S. MINISTER TELLS GRAPHIC STORY OF DEFENCE OF LEGATION SERVANTS' LOYALTY SAVES THE DAY



(Left) Troops guarded the tornado-stricken town of Tupelo, Missouri, and aided in the removal of injured residents last month. Here is a pitiful victim of the wind's fury being rushed to the hospital. (Right) These Gainesville, Georgia, residents are here seen searching the second story of their tornado-torn home last month, after having been lucky to have escaped the terror with their lives. Hundreds of others less fortunate were killed as the tornado swept seven southern States of America.

AMERICAN LEGATION BESIEGED

TWO WOUNDED DURING SURPRISE ATTACK

ITALIAN PLANES CEASELESSLY CIRCLE CITY

Rome, To-day.

In response to the French Government's appeal to the Italian Government to hasten the Italian advance to Addis Ababa in order to rescue the beleaguered Legations, it is officially stated that the Italian Government is taking all the possible measures to assist the Legations, including the despatch of aeroplanes.

A Washington message states that Mr. Engert, the United States Minister to Addis Ababa, has made an urgent appeal to the State Department to request the British Government's assistance in holding the American Legation at Addis Ababa against the rioters. The Legation is occupied by Mr. Engert, his wife and a staff of six people.

They were the object of a fierce surprise attack yesterday morning. The occupants returned the fire and repulsed the attackers, killing one. Mr. Engert earlier informed the State Department that he and his staff would transfer to the British Legation if the situation did not improve.

Mr. Engert states that with the help of a British-Indian Lewis-gun section the American Legation could hold out against the rioters "if the Italians arrive within a few days." He asked the State Department to transmit his request to the Foreign Office as he was unable to keep in touch with the British Legation. The State Department immediately telephoned to Whitehall.

DUCE'S NEW SURPRISE

MOBILISATION TEST

Important Speech Delayed

"NEGUS HAS FLED," AMID DERISIVE CHEERS

Rome, To-day.

A test mobilisation of the Italian people, probably for last night, was ordered by Signor Mussolini in dramatic circumstances in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday afternoon.

The chamber was crowded from floor to ceiling, the deputies wearing their black shirts and singing Fascist songs. The diplomatic representatives were present and high army, navy and air force officers attended.

Admiral Ciano opened the sitting by announcing: "The Negus has fled," amid derisive cheers. Then the chamber adjourned for a quarter of an hour for a demonstration of rejoicing at the turn of events in Abyssinia.

When it reassembled Signor Mussolini, who had been expected to make an important speech, surprisingly announced a test mobilisation at which he would address the nation.

NEGOTIATION POSSIBILITY

Later: It is officially announced that the test mobilisation will occur "at a date in the near future," which is presumed to be today or to-morrow. "It is generally believed that the delay is due to the possibility of negotiations, in view of the unopposed Italian entry into Addis Ababa. It is also not expected that any difficulties will be experienced by the Italian motorised columns owing to the beginning of the rains."—Reuter.

Other cables on Abyssinia will be found on page 5.



Don Manuel Azana, Prime Minister of Spain, above, had a narrow escape from death yesterday when a plot to assassinate him at a public meeting was unearthed on the meeting being unexpectedly postponed.

LOOTERS ROUTED

SURPRISE FOR ATTACKERS

Mrs. Engert's Narrow Escape

SITUATION IMPROVES IN AFTERNOON

Washington, To-day.

A graphic story of the defence of the American Legation at Addis Ababa is told by Mr. Engert in a wireless message to the State Department.

He says: "We fought off the looters, thanks to the loyalty of our native servants, including the cooks, who, when the attack began, immediately rushed to defend the gates with only a few revolvers, spears and swords, until the rest of us arrived with pistols and shotguns. We made a much greater show in numbers than the attackers expected."

"At the start of the attack bullets narrowly missed Mrs. Engert and Mr. John Spencer, the American adviser to the Ethiopian Government, who were in the backyard of the Legation when the attackers opened heavy fire on the rear gates." Mr. Engert adds that owing to the rains things slightly improved in the afternoon. — Reuter.

CONSCRIPTION IN AUSTRIA

Memorandum By The Government

PURELY DEFENSIVE MEASURE

Vienna, To-day.

A memorandum concerning the recent introduction of "Compulsory Federal Service" was published by the Austrian Government here yesterday.

Such service, according to the Memorandum, differs from compulsory military service, and if the new law speaks of "service" this only means that the law authorises a certain number of "Federal Service Conscripts" to be passed into military training, with a view to the defence of the Fatherland.

The Memorandum goes on to say that in the Government's view the most important provisions of the new law are those relating to national education. The document closes with the solemn assurance that the Government, in instituting compulsory Federal service, had been actuated solely by peaceful and purely defensive aims. — Trans-Ocean Service.

LEAKAGE OF BUDGET SECRETS

JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL CREATED

London, To-day. — The leakage of budget secrets regarding the tea duty and income-tax, which resulted in considerable speculation in insurance against these risks, had a sequel in the House of Commons yesterday, when Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that a judicial tribunal would be established to investigate the matter. The tribunal would be presided over by a High Court judge and would contain two eminent lawyers.

NEW CONSTITUTION FOR CHINA

Announcement To-day By Government

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION

Nanking, To-day.

The National Government is to-day announcing the new draft constitution. Political circles emphasise that the announcement does not mean the "promulgation" of the constitution, as it still has to be approved by the National People's Assembly, which meets on November 12.

It is stated that the constitution is being announced in order to give the public an opportunity of studying it before the deliberation of the National People's Assembly begins. — Reuter.

PASSENGERS HAVE THRILL

French Boat Nearly Missed

Two passengers from the Messageries Maritimes vessel s.s. Aramis were very nearly left behind this afternoon when the vessel, carrying the All China World Olympic Football team to the Berlin Games, was delayed for about 15 minutes so that the lady and her daughter could be helped aboard.

Unfortunately, the Aramis was already moving slowly out from the wharf and it was with great difficulty that the two passengers were handed from a moving passenger gangway to the moving vessel. However, the task was successfully accomplished to the accompaniment of cheers from the footballers and their many supporters and admirers, who had come to wish them bon voyage.

The announcement of the commission follows a strict enquiry, in which Mr. Chamberlain has been in close touch with the chairman of Lloyd's. The tribunal will be empowered to take evidence on oath and to send for persons and documents. The resolution necessary for the setting up of the commission will be on the order paper of the Houses of Lords and Commons.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the chairman of Lloyd's had given him a verbal report on his enquiry. The chairman was unable thoroughly to elucidate the matter, but the evidence he had collected was such as to indicate that a leakage might have taken place. — Reuter.

WAR VETERAN PASSES

Gen. Von Falkenhausen At Age 92

Berlin, To-day.

General von Falkenhausen, who became widely known in the world war as Governor-General of Belgium from April 1917 till November 1918, has died in Goerlitz, in Silesia, aged 92 years. Previous to his appointment in Brussels, the deceased had been successively Commander-in-Chief of the coastal defences in Hamburg and of the 6th German Army. The General was a veteran from the Austro-Prussian War in 1866 and from the Franco-German War in 1870-71. — Trans-Ocean Service.

ARAB STRIKE AT JAFFA

Traffic Brought To Standstill

Jerusalem, To-day.

The Arab strike at Jaffa continues, and traffic in the town has almost been brought to a standstill. About 250 marines have been landed at Haifa to assist in extinguishing a fire in a timber-yard, set on fire by an Arab mob. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE SPANISH PREMIER

Seven People Arrested In Madrid

Madrid, To-day.

Seven persons have been arrested in connection with a plot to assassinate the Premier, Don Manuel Azana. The assassination was to have taken place at a big meeting which the Premier was attending, but the meeting was put off unexpectedly. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

POPULAR FRONT IN FRANCE

Proposed Formation Of Cabinet

SOCIALIST DEMAND FOR PREMIERSHIP

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

"The Socialist Party is prepared to form and lead a Government of the Popular Front," writes the Socialist leader, M. Leon Blum, in a special edition of his paper *Populaire*, thereby clearly giving it to be understood that the Socialists — who are officially known as the "French section of the Workers' International" — will demand the post of the Premier for one of their party. Political circles believe that the Sarraut Cabinet will remain in office until the new Chamber meets, but this is still uncertain.

In the meantime the victory of the Left Wing has been increased in consequence of the results of three elections in the colonies, where in two cases Independent Socialists, and in the third case Radical-Socialists, gained the victory. — Trans-Ocean Service.

FUTURE OF THE FRANC

American Banking Opinion

New York, To-day.

Banking opinion shows mixed reactions from the French voting. Some bankers well informed on European affairs believe that there will not be an immediate step towards the devaluation of the franc, although it is considered probable eventually, in view of the financial condition of the French treasury.

The British turn up in sterling against the dollar is chiefly ascribed to the shifting of the French balances into sterling. — Reuter.

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FROM EUROPE

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FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia May 7
Pres. Coolidge May 8
Pres. Monroe May 8

FROM SHANGHAI

Aeneas May 5
Aramis May 5
Emp. of Asia May 7
Pres. Coolidge May 8
General Pershing May 8
Pres. Monroe May 8
Hakusan Maru May 11
Tyndarus May 11

FROM MANILA

Gneisenau May 5
Taiping May 8
Pres. Jefferson May 8
Tishondari May 10
Deucalion May 10

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Cremor May 5
Kashima Maru May 10
Deucalion May 12
Jadane May 12
Taima May 12

FROM JAPAN

Emp. of Asia May 7
Pres. Coolidge May 8
Emp. of Asia May 8
General Pershing May 8
Hakusan Maru May 11
Pres. Monroe May 11

FROM AUSTRALIA

Taiping May 8
Tanda May 9

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Pres. Cleveland May 5
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Aramis (Air Orient Service) May 5
Closes: Reg. 9.20 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
Aeneas (via Marseilles) May 5
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
Asama Maru (via San Francisco) May 6
Suisang (K.L.M. Service) May 6
Closes: Reg. 11.30 a.m. Ord. Noon.
R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways direct Service) May 8

FOR SHANGHAI

Pres. Cleveland May 5
Asama Maru May 5

FOR MANILA

Emp. of Asia May 7
Pres. Coolidge May 8
Gen. Pershing May 8

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Aramis May 5
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Pres. Cleveland May 5
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GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Full Attendance At Annual Meeting

PUTTING HONG KONG ON AVIATION MAP OF WORLD

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the Chamber in Chartered Bank Building, under the presidency of the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell, the Chairman.

Before the business of the meeting Mr. Bell made a reference to the death of His late Majesty King George V. in the following words:—

"Before proceeding with the business of this meeting, it is fitting that I should refer to the lamented death of His late Majesty King George V. the shock of which is still fresh in all our minds and which was received by the inhabitants of this British Colony with great grief and a deep sense of personal loss. These feelings were shared by our fellow-residents of all nationalities.

"The Committee wrote at the time to the Government requesting that the members of the Chamber might be associated in the messages of condolence conveyed from Hong Kong to His Majesty King Edward VIII, Queen Mary and the other members of the Royal Family.

"We have the consolation that in His Majesty King Edward VIII our late ruler has a successor who will worthily uphold the traditions of a great office, who has, from travel and study, a close acquaintance with the problems of the Empire, and who is already popular both within the Empire and beyond its borders."

The Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell was supported by the following members of the General Committee:—The Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Messrs. C. Blaker, P. S. Cassidy, V. M. Grayburn, M. T. Johnson, J. R. Masson, K. S. Morrison, G. W. Sewell, I. W. Shewan and Mr. R. H. Scott, H.B.M. Trade Commissioner (Co-opted member).

Chairman's Speech
"In moving the adoption of the report and accounts for 1935, the Chairman said:—

"The outstanding business event of the year was the divorce of China from silver as a basis of currency after being wedded to it for many centuries. This happened so recently that it would serve no useful purpose for me to describe the causes which led up to this momentous event. Suffice it to say that early in November the Chinese Government placed their currency on a managed basis. Their aim has been to stabilise the dollar on a basis of approximately

1s. 2½d. Fears were entertained at first that they would not be able to maintain stability and, whilst these fears have not been entirely allayed in some quarters, the fact remains that for nearly six months—six very difficult months—they have succeeded in doing so.

This speaks highly for the care and ability with which the plans which led up to this step had been made and carried out. There is now every indication that, barring some unforeseen catastrophe, the Chinese Government will be able to maintain the stability of their managed currency.

Return To Prosperity?
"The benefits to be derived from this step are not yet by any means fully apparent. That a beginning has, however, been made is shown by the revived interest in exports from China. This, of course, must be the beginning of any return to prosperity which, in turn, must necessarily depend upon a revival of trade throughout the world in general. Signs of this are evident in a number of countries and I look, therefore, for the slow but steady expansion of exports from China. This, in turn, must lead to a revival of imports and, therefore, to better trade in general.

"In saying this, however, I am assuming that steps will be taken to stop the smuggling which has developed in North China to such a tremendous extent during the past six or seven months. This, if allowed to continue, must have a very damaging effect on the finances of the Chinese Government, which—in turn—will affect credit and, therefore, trade.

"Our currency in Hong Kong has also been based on silver for very many years but, as a result of the action taken by China, we also had to go on to a managed currency. Steps were taken to bring this about within a few days of China going off silver, and for some time past our exchange has been steady in the neighbourhood of 1s. 3½d. to 1s. 3½d. It was essential to do this, for it is generally agreed that our currency must be on the same basis as, and very nearly the same value as that of China, with which our commercial relations are so very close.

These changes should affect our trade favourably, mainly, it is true, because of the general increase in trade in China but also owing to the fact that a stable currency is favourable to trade. It may be also that funds which left the Colony when exchange soared may find their way back and thus help to make business conditions easier.

No Boom Prophesied
"Please, Gentlemen, do not go away with the idea that I am prophesying a boom in trade far from it. I am merely trying to indicate that conditions are more favourable for a revival of trade and that the de-

pression which has weighed so heavily on us shows signs of lifting.

"Another feature, which is pleasing to record is the closer relations which now exist between the commercial communities of Canton and Hong Kong. This is exemplified by the fact that when His Excellency the Provincial Governor of Kwangtung came to Hong Kong to say goodbye to Sir William Peel before his departure for Home he issued, through Sir William, a most cordial invitation to the leading business men of the community to pay a visit to Canton to see something of the progress of reconstruction and development there.

"The visit took place last May, when we were most hospitably entertained and were greatly impressed by all that we saw. The changes and improvements made in Canton are amazing to those who remember its appearance 15 or 20 years ago. Extensive industrial plants have been established under Government auspices—a development deserving of very careful study.

"There was, we regret to say, some delay in issuing a return invitation, but this was due to circumstances over which we had no control—the change of Governors and, later, the lamented death of His Late Majesty King George. However, we have asked our Canton friends to visit us and hope to have the pleasure of seeing them here in the very near future. When they are here I am sure that all members of the Chamber will desire to take part as hosts and to do all in their power to make the visit memorable.

Close Business Touch
"I trust that this friendly interchange of visits will be repeated from time to time in order that the business men of the two cities, whose interests are so closely associated, may maintain close touch. Thus will means be found to promote mutual prosperity and solve any difficulties that may arise.

"In this connection, I am glad to be able to point to a definite example of closer co-operation between Hong Kong and Canton. Under the new Canton-Kowloon Railway Agreement entered into between the two Governments, an increased service of faster trains at reduced fares now benefits the travelling public and is evidently fully appreciated. This year the Canton-Hankow Railway is to be completed. Trade will be promoted to our mutual benefit, and especially to the producers, when bulk commodities from the hinterland are given the advantage of cheap and direct transportation to a deep-sea port.

"I would mention the Hong Kong Travel Association, established during the past year, as an experiment which will benefit equally Canton and ourselves, for visitors attracted through the efforts of the Travel Association are sure to include a visit to Canton in their itinerary. The Association has already made an excellent start; it has prepared advertising material and a moving picture of the Colony; its overseas advertising is already producing definite effect.

"The Government has promised to give dollar for dollar of the amount raised by subscriptions up to a certain figure. As it is important that the Association be allowed sufficient time for its work to become

effective, it is to be hoped that subscribers will not content themselves with a single contribution but will give an annual subscription.

Commercial Aviation
"I take a great deal of interest in commercial aviation, and it gives me the greatest pleasure to have to record that the first steps towards linking up Hong Kong with one of the main aviation routes of the world were taken by Imperial Airways. These consisted of trial flights between Penang and Hong Kong via Saigon and Tourane. The plane 'Dorado' was used for these experimental flights which, in the experienced hands of Captain Armstrong, were completely successful. There were, however, difficulties other than those of nature which had to be overcome, and these delayed the establishment of the actual service for some time. It was, however, successfully established in March of this year.

"I look upon this as merely a preliminary step towards putting Hong Kong properly on the aviation map of the world. That great organisation, Pan-American Airways, who have established a service between California and Manila, propose to extend this service to China. It is to me a matter of the very greatest regret that, according to reports, they do not propose to make Hong Kong their terminus. To the ordinary business man it seems impossible that two great lines like Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways, which in a short time will practically encircle the globe, should have their meeting places 35 miles apart. I venture to prophesy that such a state of affairs cannot continue.

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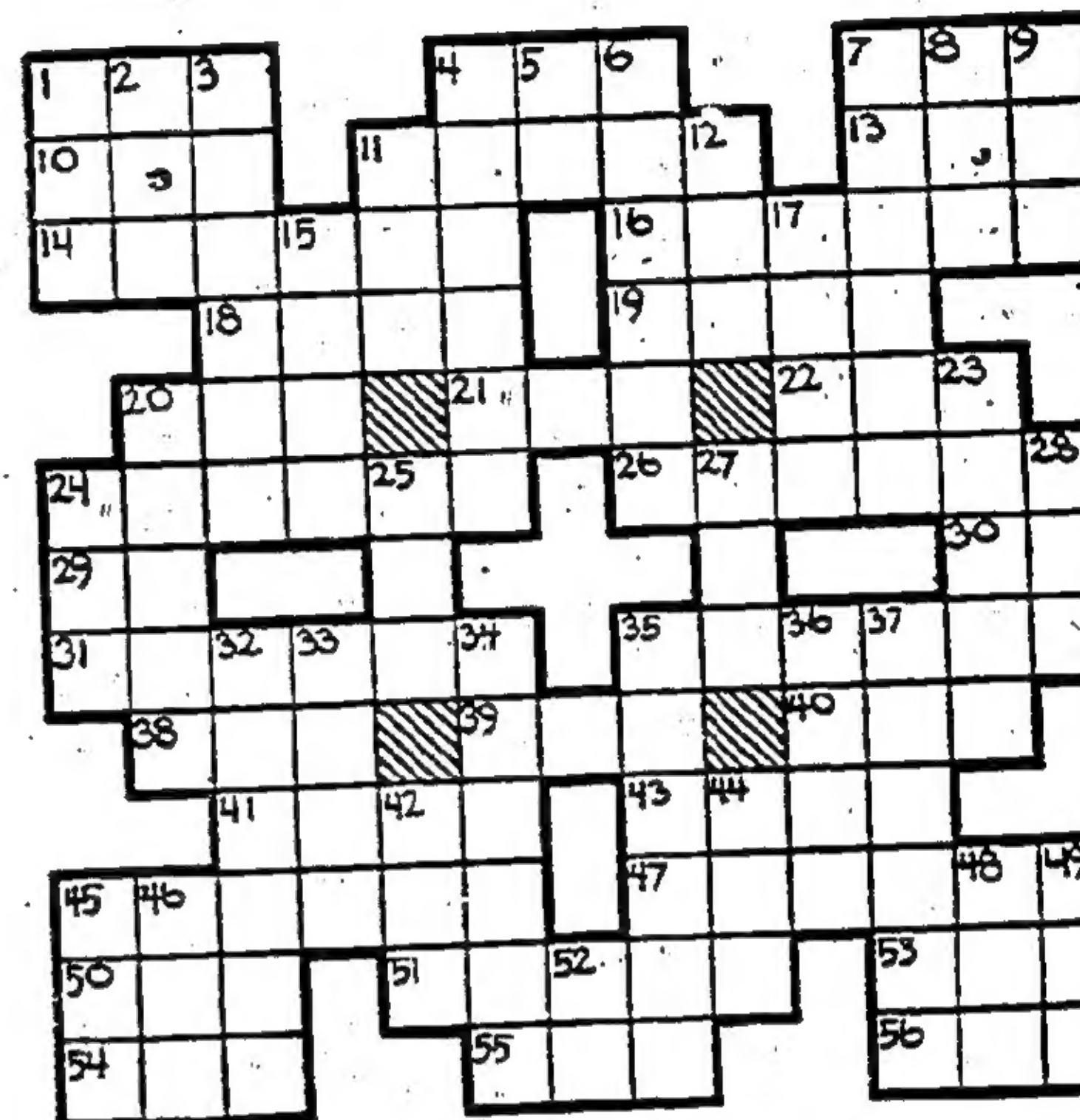
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



- HORIZONTAL**
1-Disorderly crowd
4-Young hog
7-Feline
10-Before
11-Grades
13-Time of life
14-Examiner
16-Land of the Rising Sun
18-
19-
20-C
21-Point of compass (abbr.)
22-The (Fr.)
24-Vast Russian plain devoid of trees
26-Decorated with reeds
28-A church (abbr.)
29-Three-toed sloth
31-A Mohammedan prince (pl.)
35-Pricks
37-Perched
38-Bustle
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
40-Residence (abbr.)
41-Earth
42-Salaries
43-Antique musical instrument
47-Examined
50-Bind
51-Allude
53-Epoch
54-Combining form, Air
55-Boy's name
56-Without moisture
- VERTICAL**
1-United
2-Crude metal
3-Close by
4-An adherent of old Persian religion
5-Pronoun
6-Give rise to
7-Covered
8-Past
9-Half an em
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
11-Portuguese coin
12-A title
15-Snare
17-Long, heavy stick
20-Entries in an account
23-Rests
24-Mineral spring
25-By
27-A shade tree
28-Prefix, Auslander
32-More comfortable
33-English school
34-Cured, as meat
35-To make pitiable
36-Greek god of war
37-Reclined
42-Termination of nouns denoting vocation
44-Ever (contr.)
45-Station (abbr.)
46-Patry
48-Make a mistake
49-Period of time
52-Musical note

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue.

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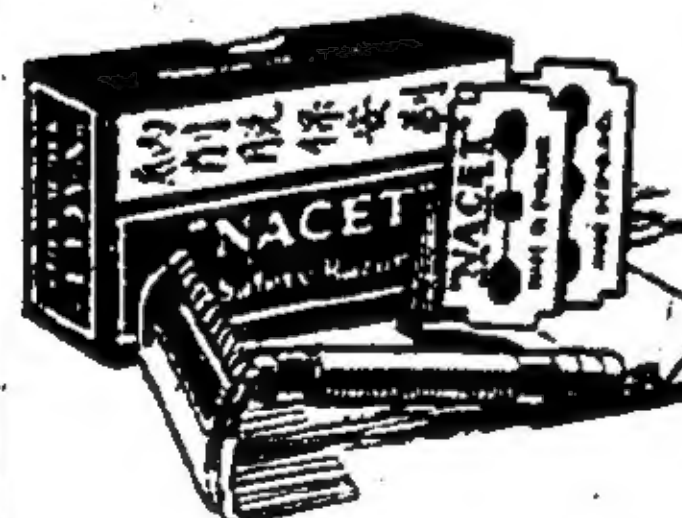
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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Belgrade, To-day. The annual conference of the Balkan Entente opened here yesterday with the Turkish Foreign Minister, Rushdi Aras, in the chair. One of the chief topics of conversation will be the question of the remilitarisation of the Turkish Straits. It is understood that complete agreement on this point has been reached between the four States of the Balkan Entente, and that the conference will unanimously approve the Turkish demand for reconsideration of the military clauses of the Treaty of Lausanne. — Trans-Ocean Service.

BRIDGE NOTES

I LOSE ANOTHER
WAGER

By Ely Culbertson

Yesterday, I tried to describe how I felt at seeing a bridge hand mangled. Also how I lost a wager to a friend whose "little knowledge had proved a dangerous thing"—to his opponents and myself! He had succeeded, by the worst bidding and most ridiculous play imaginable in first arriving at and then fulfilling a grand slam contract.

I could hardly wait for the next hand. These were the cards dealt him:

S. K 4 3; H. A 6 5 3 2, D. 6 3, C. J 9 4.

After two passes, East, his right hand opponent, bid one spade. I'm afraid I actually bounced from my chair (admittedly poor "kibitzing," but it was a "friendly" game) when I heard my friend nonchalantly overcall with two hearts! Vulnerable! "Here is where he gets what he deserves!" I said to myself.

To my surprise (and disappointment) West merely passed. North bid three hearts, and I groaned. "The idiot has found another miracle," I reflected bitterly. I didn't know then that I was prophetic.

East passed, and South put the seal on his insanity by going to game.

"One moment," I said before West made his lead. "Maybe you'd like to bet that you make this contract?"

"Certainly," my friend answered. "Shall we continue to replenish my wardrobe by betting a pair of shoes?"

"Done," I said (but not so confidently).

West led the spade nine and the dummy was spread. I am giving all four hands:

NORTH
S. J 6 2
H. Q 10 7 4
D. J 10
C. A Q 8 4
WEST.
S. 9 5
H. J 9 8
D. K 9 8 5 2
C. K 10 6
EAST
S. A Q 10 8 7
H. K
D. A Q 7 4
C. 7 5 3
SOUTH
S. K 4 3
H. A 6 5 3 2
D. 6 3
C. J 9 2

Of course, at that time I could see only the North and South hands, and I couldn't conceal my glee. It appeared almost certain that two spades, two diamonds, and a trump must be lost.

"Kindly take notice," I said, not without malice, "that a pair of shoes costs considerably more than the hat you've already won."

East properly allowed his partner's nine of spades to force South's king. South's next play was the jack of clubs, which West covered and which dummy's ace won. A low heart, and East's singleton king popped up—to my horror and growing dismay. South took the heart ace, then led a low one and finessed for West's jack. With a fourth round of hearts he returned to his own hand. The nine of clubs was successfully finessed, the club suit run, and a losing spade discarded. He graciously conceded two diamonds and one spade.

"Four hearts, game, and rubber, and a pair of shoes!" he announced, grinning more maliciously than ever. "How did I play it, professor?"

I tried to answer, but only strangled sounds came out. A singleton king on his right (exactly a 15 to 1 shot), plus a double club finesse, plus a 3-3 club break—let the mathematicians figure the odds. Roughly, they were 250 to 1 against him.

I staggered to my feet and left the room, momentarily expecting the ceiling to drop on my head.

"HINDENBURG" ON TRIAL
FLIGHT

Friedrichshafen, To-day.—After three weeks of rest, during which time the engines were overhauled completely, the airship Hindenburg took off for a trial flight yesterday afternoon, and was to stay in the air till after midnight. — Trans-Ocean Service.

General Chamber Of Commerce

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tinued, and if Pan-American Airways do not make Hong Kong their terminal port they will nevertheless call here.

"I trust that the rumours published in the newspapers as to the possibility of the China National Aviation Corporation calling at Hong Kong will prove to be correct. We have a good aerodrome and seadrome in one, and therefore can provide ample facilities and accommodation for either type of plane.

Effect On Trade

"Increased opportunities for the rapid transfer of mails and passengers must help towards improved trade, and I trust that my hopes that Hong Kong will become a very important aviation junction are not visionary. Commercial aviation is bound to make enormous strides within the next five to ten years, and it is unthinkable that Hong Kong should be left out of a development to which its geographical position entitles it.

"Although the development of Hong Kong as an airport (engaged) a good deal of attention in these days, the harbour is still our principal asset and is likely to remain so for as far ahead as most of us can envisage. Your Committee has taken steps during the past year to press upon the Government the importance of keeping harbour charges as low as possible. Reductions under certain heads have been requested, but in the present state of the Colony's exchequer the Government has not seen its way to meet our wishes. The question will be raised again at a more convenient season.

"The work of adapting to local conditions Board of Trade Rules for the survey and construction of passenger steamships is now nearing completion, subject to negotiations with neighbouring administrations on such matters as standardisation of measurement of passenger spaces in the unberthed passenger trade. When, in the near future, the rules are published we shall have a complete code for all classes of steamships and launches, a convenience which shipowners and shipbuilders have long awaited. Publication will consummate several years' work by a Special Technical Committee, to the members of which acknowledgment is due for their very onerous labours.

"In this connection I would specially mention Mr. F. W. James, Superintendent Engineer of the China Navigation Company, who has been the leading spirit of the Technical Committee from its inception in 1927. Shipping firms affected by the new rules are greatly indebted to Mr. James for contributing so freely of his special knowledge and experience. I must also add that in these discussions the greatest possible assistance has been received from the Government Marine Surveyor and the Senior Ship Surveyor.

Imperial Preference

"In 1935, the Colony exported over two million dollars worth of canvas and rubber shoes, mostly the product of local factories. About half of this quantity went to Great Britain. The trade, it is interesting to note, has undergone considerable change since the introduction of Imperial Preference after the Ottawa Conference. Imports into Great Britain from foreign countries have decreased very much whilst those from Canada and other British countries (principally Hong Kong) have increased, though they are very far from replacing the total former foreign importation. Statistics of internal production are not available, but it is a fair inference that Home manufacturers have benefited as well as ourselves and Canada—as a result of Imperial Preference.

"You will see from the Annual Report that the somewhat elaborate costing system invoked by the United Kingdom Customs has satisfied them that Hong Kong manufactured shoes comply with the Preference requirements as to percentage of British content. This system is no longer enforced but, instead, the Customs require an assurance that nothing but Empire manufactured canvas, and

rubber officially certified to have been produced within the British Empire, is used in the Hong Kong factories. Local Chartered Accountants exercise oversight to ensure that this rule is observed.

"When these instructions were received, towards the end of 1935, problems arose as to obtaining official certificates of origin in respect of rubber already imported from British Malaya, and as to the best procedure for complying with Customs requirements regarding future shipments. The matter was of great urgency because this is a seasonal trade, and manufacturers and exporters had commitments with buyers amounting to something like a million dollars' worth of goods.

"All shoes arriving in Great Britain after January 31 had to contain nothing but certified rubber and canvas, and more than that, during the period of their manufacture nothing but certified materials could be used in the factories. Do not let me be misunderstood: it was not suggested that the materials and stock were not British; it was merely that they were not all officially certified.

Visit To Singapore

"There was no time to engage in a triangular correspondence between ourselves, the Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Government Authorities in British Malaya. Your Committee, therefore, at the request of the merchants concerned—and at their expense—authorised an immediate visit to Singapore by the Secretary, who went there as the confidential representative of each firm in the business, with authority to discuss with their suppliers the details of all past purchases of rubber. Mr. Key approached, on arrival, the Colonial Secretary—now our present Governor—who gave him every facility towards the prosecution of his enquiries. The Registrar of Statistics—who is also the Rubber Controller—was most prompt and helpful; the Singapore Chamber of Commerce and the rubber exporting firms in Singapore rendered every possible assistance. As a result, the Secretary was able to return in three days with the whole position clarified. The Customs Authorities in London have since intimated that they approve to the arrangements made.

"It was a great satisfaction to your Committee—and I am sure will be to members generally—that the Chamber was able to render this piece of special service towards promoting the Colony's trade.

Narrow Surplus

"Members who have resigned during the year outnumber those who have joined, with the result that the surplus of income over expenditure is very narrow. It is surprising how many people suppose that a Chamber of Commerce is a semi-official institution, in receipt of a Government grant. As you know, we have no other sources of income than members' subscriptions and fees for issuing certificates of origin, etc. A Chamber of Commerce is an obvious necessity in a business community such as this: if it did not exist, various sections of the business world would be continually having to form special committees to handle particular questions as they arose. The subscription is a trifling item compared with the other overhead expenses of a large firm. One would like to see the few substantial firms which are not already members come forward and give us their support. This would keep our balance on the right side and be a great encouragement to those of us who, on practically every working day of the year, give up some part of our time to voluntary work for the benefit of the trading community as a whole.

"Apart from questions to which reference is made in the Annual Report, the Committees of the Chamber considered a number of subjects which it is necessary, at this stage, to treat as confidential.

"We have lost a number of our older members since our last meeting. The services of Mr. Gordon Mackie and Sir William Shenton were publicly acknowledged at the time of their retirement. These gentlemen also rendered very valuable services. Mr. Plummer was Chairman of the Chamber in 1932 and Chairman of the Piece Goods Sub-committee for several years. Mr. Knight gave

valuable advice on shipping questions and was the representative of the Chamber on the Council and Finance Committee of the University.

"I might add that the General Committee a few days ago gave a lunch in honour of another old member, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, on his departure from the Colony. Mr. Hughes was Chairman of the Chamber in 1924 and our representative on the Legislative Council from 1927 to 1931.

Thanks Expressed

"I would like, on behalf of members generally, to express my grateful thanks to the General Committee and the various Subcommittees for the time and thought they have so freely given. In this connection, special acknowledgment is due to the Legal Sub-committee, which has been called upon during the year to an exceptional extent and has been asked to give its advice on several intricate problems. Mr. M. M. Watson, who was co-opted in connection with one of these, has rendered us specially valuable service. The secretariat has co-operated with its usual efficiency, and Mr. Key has put in a lot of hard, sound work, particularly in connection with the rubber shoe question. I am sure you will wish to join me in expressing appreciation of his work.

"I now move the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the year 1935, and when this has been seconded I shall be glad to answer, to the best of my ability, any question which any member may desire to ask.

The Depression

The motion was seconded by Mr. John Rumsbottom, who said in part:—

"Between the years 1914 and 1918 anyone who chanced to be in France continually heard the expression, 'C'est la guerre.' 'C'est la guerre' was given as the reason for everything. In Hong Kong, of late years, we have been too much addicted, in my opinion, to another hard worked phrase—'It is the Depression.' The Government might very well frame a law that the next man who mentions 'depression' will be deported or have his salary cut.

"I sympathised with His Excellency the Governor when he arrived from an area which has suffered much more severely than we have. The first word that greeted him was 'Depression'! I would prefer that His Excellency should have been informed that the merchants of Hong Kong had cut their coat according to their cloth and had got used to wearing a shorter jacket; and consequently were optimistic. All that remained was for the Government to follow suit. If that had been done, the word 'depression', and all that it implies, might have died a natural death long ago. Continually harping upon it makes people believe that it really exists, and destroys confidence. There is still plenty of money in South China and in the Colony. Provided confidence is maintained that money will be available for business.

"High taxation in China is certainly one of our handicaps and I hope we shall not see such increases of taxation in this Colony as will amount to a hindrance to trade. The further duties on alcohol and tobacco recently imposed are likely to curtail consumption to a point which compels an importer to consider whether it is any longer worth his while to carry on a trade which costs an initial licence fee of \$1,000 a year.

"As a merchant, I welcome the inauguration of the managed currency in that it brought exchange rates to a lower and more economic level.

Postal Rates

"One hears rumours of further increases in the postal rates. I am of the opinion that the Chamber of Commerce should immediately protest against any increase, having regard to the fact that already it costs a great deal more to post a letter from Hong Kong to England than from England to Hong Kong. High postal rates are doubtless imposed with the object of obtaining a contribution towards the general revenue of the Colony. The merchants' complaint against this method of raising revenue is, however, that it amounts in effect to a business tax, and discriminates against a comparatively small section of the community.

"I cordially endorse the Chairman's remarks regarding the effect

MORE SABOTAGE
IN SPAINBurning Of Churches
Continues

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

London, To-day.

The storm on churches and convents in Madrid and the suburbs, organised by the Left-wing extremists, continues with unabated violence, fire having been set yesterday to five churches in the suburbs of Tctuan- and Charnartin, as well as to the convents and schools at Dilar and Coradonga, a church in the suburb of Cuatro Caminos and the Salesian monastery in Madrid itself. In none of these cases were the fire-brigades able to do more than prevent the conflagration from spreading to the neighbourhood. An attempt to burn down the church of "De Los Maravillos," however, proved unsuccessful. — Trans - Ocean Service.

WAFD VICTORY
IN EGYPTHUGE MAJORITY
SECURED

Cairo, To-day. The elections resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Wafd Party, who secured 163 seats in the Chamber, against 54 for all the six other parties combined. — Reuter's Bulletin Service. (Earlier message on page 11)

A Euchre Drive will be held in the Garrison Sergeants Mess, Queen's Road, at 8 p.m. to-morrow; entrance fee 50 cents.

Steps taken to clear up questions arising out of United Kingdom Customs requirements respecting rubber shoes. It is hoped that, with the principal materials of manufacture British—namely, the rubber and the canvas—Hong Kong will be left in undisturbed possession of a share in this useful export trade.

The Report are Accounts were adopted unanimously.

The following members were present: Mr. D. G. Glenn Allen, Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. M. P. Talati, Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co., Ltd., (Mr. A. Alves); The Asiatic Petroleum Co., (South China) Ltd., the Hon. Mr. W. H. Bell; Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd., (Mr. K. S. Morrison); The British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd., (Mr. E. O. Drake and Messrs. F. Stafford-Smith); Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Mr. J. R. Dodwell; Messrs. J. R. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., (Mr. A. A. Brerley); The China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., (Mr. D. L. King); The Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., (Mr. A. Stevenson); Messrs. Davis Boag & Co., Ltd., (Mr. W. A. Stewart); Messrs. S. J. David & Co., (Mr. Frank Austin); Messrs. Deacons, (Mr. H. J. Armstrong); Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., (Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell); Messrs. Fung Tang & Co., Ltd., (Mr. M. T. Johnson and Mr. N. M. Currie); Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., (Mr. C. Baker); The Hong Kong & China Gas Co., Ltd., (Mr. H. E. Stone); The Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., (Mr. V. Sorby); The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, (Mr. V. M. Grayburn); The Hong Kong Tramways Ltd., (Mr. F. H. Glover and W. J. Simmonds); Messrs. J. D. Hewish & Co., (Mr. P. S. Cassidy); The Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., (Mr. R. D. Gillespie); Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., (The Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson); The Java-China-Japan Lijn, (Mr. H. E. Roofaer); Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, (Mr. G. G. N. Tinson); The Kailan Mining Administration, (Mr. W. Wright); Messrs. Ed. Keller & Co., Ltd., (Mr. E. Kern); Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, (Mr. A. Ritchie); Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co., (China) Ltd., (Mr. T. A. Mitchell); Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., (Mr. M. T. Johnson); The Marconi International Marine Communication Co., Ltd., (Mr. J. P. Dawson); Messrs. Maxim & Co., (Mr. J. A. V. Ribeiro); Messrs. A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd., (Mr. Wong Oi Kut and Mr. Fan Chi-Kuen); Messrs. Peterson & Co., (Mr. H. Arfies); Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co., Ltd., (Mr. A. T. Lay); Messrs. Robertson, Wilson & Co., Ltd., (Mr. G. W. Co.); (China) Ltd., (Mr. W. W. MacKenzie); The Royal Insurance Co., Ltd., (Mr. H. B. Neve); Messrs. Rosa Brothers, (Mr. C. A. da Rosa); Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., Ltd., (Mr. R. Stock); Messrs. Shawan, Tomes & Co., (Mr. I. W. Shewan); The Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., (Mr. A. C. L. Bowker); Messrs. Utomai & Assadani Co., (Mr. P. V. Assani); Messrs. Wallen & Co., (Mr. E. Johnson); Messrs. Harry, Wicking & Co., Ltd., (Mr. H. Owen Hughes); Messrs. S. T. Williamson & Co., (Mr. S. T. Williamson).



Sporting Page



ALL-CHINA WORLD OLYMPIC SOCCER TEAM ARRIVE AND DEPART



PAU KA PING



LEE TIN SANG



TAM KONG PAK



LEUNG WING CHI



TSUI AH FAI



CHAN CHAN WO



TSO KWAI SHING



SUEN KAM SHUN

K.C.C. PREPARE FOR LEAGUE

Wealth Of Tennis Talent

TRIAL MATCHES ON SUNDAY

The Kowloon Cricket Club, who are looking forward to a very successful season in the Lawn Tennis League, which will open sometime this month, are holding their first trials on Sunday next, commencing at 3 p.m.

All playing members are requested to attend in order that League pairings may be made on the day's play.

Among the wealth of talent at the disposal of the K.C.C. selectors are E. C. Fincher, G. Bodiker, possibly W. C. Hung, E. F. Fincher, A. E. P. Guest, A. W. Ramsay, F. Grose, A. T. Lay, S. A. Gray, G. C. Burnett, J. Thompson, A. Crawford, R. S. Capell, G. A. White, C. Watson, J. S. Smith, L. V. Kirby, N. A. E. Mackay, L. Jack, S. V. Gittins, J. L. Anderson, F. Goodwin, and A. L. Fischer.

The K.C.C. will feel the loss of M. Pagh, who is leaving the Colony this month and L. Oppenheimer, who, it is understood, has resigned from the club.



FUNG KING CHEONG

MR. WONG KA-TSUN APPOINTED MANAGER OF TEAM

TSUI AH-FAI, MAK SUI-HON AND WONG WING SAILED TO-DAY

(By "Rover")

THE All-China World Olympic football team of 18 players, who recently went North to Shanghai and Peiping on a short tour before commencing their journey to the Berlin Games, arrived in the Colony this morning by the French mail liner s.s. Aramis, when they were met by a large gathering of supporters, Wong Ki-leung (goal-keeper), Mak Shui-hon (full-back) and Tsui Ah-fai (centre-half), who did not make the trip, and Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, General Secretary of the South China Athletic Association, whose appointment as manager of the tourists has just been confirmed.

Contrary to earlier plans, Tsui Ah-fai, who is a graduate of the Canton Air Force, will not be remaining behind until the full China complement leave in June, but accompanied the footballers sailing to-day at 1 p.m. Likewise, Wong Ki-leung and Mak Shui-hon together with Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, sailed to-day with the team. The one remaining member of the complement, Chua Boon-lay, of Malaya, will join the team at Singapore following the Java tour.

His many friends in Hong Kong will be pleased to hear of Mr. Wong Ka-tsun's appointment as manager and head of the All-China football team, and no better man could possibly have been found for the task. Although he only played soccer while a boy Mr. Wong has held the post of General Secretary of the South China Athletic Association on and off since 1924 and is undoubtedly the only man for the job.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED AT L.T.A. MEETING

Kowloon Tong Club Accepted

LEAGUE ENTRIES CLOSING DATE EXTENDED

Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, newly appointed Vice-President of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, presided for the first time at a meeting yesterday when the Executive and Interport Selection Committees were elected.

Among those present were Mr. C. J. Tacchi (Hon. Secretary), Mr. D. S. Green (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. F. A. Broadbridge (Hon. League Secretary), Mr. J. J. Ferguson (C.B.A.), Mr. I. Agafuroff and Mr. J. A. Bendall (Civil Service), Mr. H. A. Barros and Mr. E. de Souza (Recreio), Mr. Ezra Abraham (K.C.C.), Mr. A. P. Souza (K.L.T.C.), Mr. Chan Kam-hung (Kowloon Tong), Capt. Welch (Army T.C.), Capt. R. L. L. Ingpen (U.S.R.C.), Mr. S. W. Liang (C.R.C.), Mr. S. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.), Mr. W. J. Howard (Craighower).

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TENNIS TOURNEY AT RECREIO

Two Games Decided

Although a number of matches in the Club de Recreio annual tennis tournament were scheduled to be played off yesterday, which, incidentally was the opening day, only two games were decided, both of them being in the First Round of the Men's Singles Handicap. The results were as follows:—

L. Ribeiro (—15 3/6) beat J. Alves (+ 3/6), 6—2, 6—2.
J. J. Remedios (—30 3/6) beat H. Goncalves (—15 3/6).



MR. WONG KA-TSUN

U. S. CAN BEAT BRITAIN SAYS ALLISON

New York, April 11.—"If we beat Australia we shall win the Davis Cup this year. We do not fear the British team at all," says Wilmer Allison, America's No. 1 player, on the eve of the beginning of the 1936 Davis Cup competition.



LEE WAI TONG

Lee Wai-tong, China's soccer idol, whose appointment as captain of the All-China World Olympic Football team has been confirmed, returned to the Colony this morning with 17 other members of the team, who were accompanied by Dr. C. C. Yung, General Manager and leader of the delegation, and Mr. Ngan Shing-gwan, the team coach, whose appointment has also been confirmed by the National Federation at Nanking. All the players looked very fit and were all wearing blazers with the Berlin World Olympic crest.

Interviewed, Dr. Yung said that the main object of their Northern tour was not to win games, but to show the Chinese public, in Shanghai and Nanking what players were being sent to represent the country at the Berlin Games.

He defended Lee Wai-tong against the adverse criticism of him by the Shanghai newspapers, many of whom quoted him as being "disappointing because he failed to score any goals."

Lee Wai-Tong III

"Lee Wai-tong was ill when he arrived in Shanghai by plane, and at first it was feared that he had dysentery, but fortunately this was not the case. He sportingly turned out because he realised it was his duty as the probable captain."

"In our last match in Shanghai, it was considered necessary to slow down play in view of the possibility of injuries, and, as I have previously stated, it did not matter whether we won or lost the games, so long as we showed the Northern Chinese what sort of a team we had."

Dr. Yung said that the whole complement of 18 players gave exhibitions worthy of their selections, and that one or two players really excelled, among whom were Wong Mei-shun, in the pivotal berth, and the wing-halves, Leung Wing-chiu and "Darkie" Chan.

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WONG KI LEUNG



MAK SHUI HONG



CHUA BOON LAY



S. D. LIANG



WONG MEE SHUN



LEE KWOK WAI



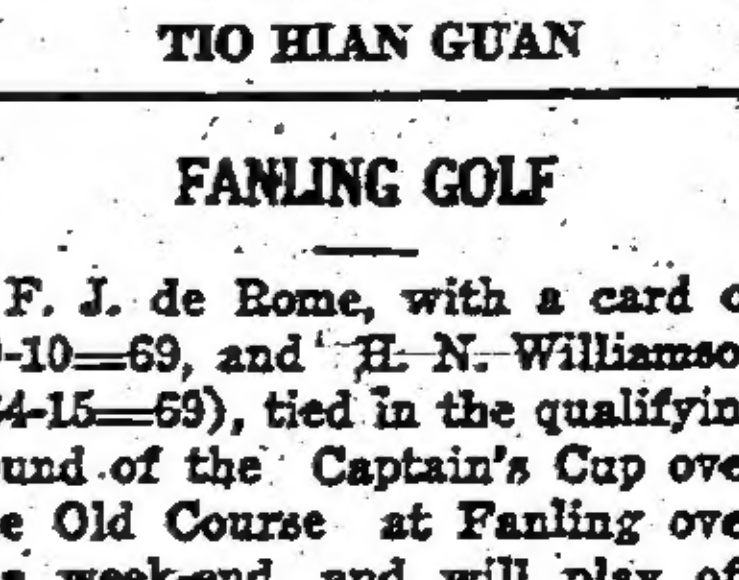
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FANLING GOLF

F. J. de Rome, with a card of 79-10=69, and H. N. Williamson (84-15=69), tied in the qualifying round of the Captain's Cup over the Old Course at Fanling over the week-end, and will play off, while G. A. Stewart (86-17=69), qualified over the New Course.

INDIAN ELEVEN UNIMPRESSIVE

Fine Opportunity For Worcester

London, To-day.

The cricket match between the All-India touring team and Worcester, which opened on Saturday, was resumed yesterday when the county team carried their overnight score of 84 for 3 to 248, J. H. Human and Howarth scoring 54 and 58 respectively.

The tourists, who had scored 229 in their first innings, did not do so well in their second venture and had lost 9 wickets for 130 runs—only 111 in the lead—when stumps were drawn, Hussain being top-scorer with 55.

The game will be concluded to-day.—Reuter.



TAY QUEE LIANG



YEUNG SHUI YICK



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THE DANCE HITS OF THE SEASON. COLUMBIA.

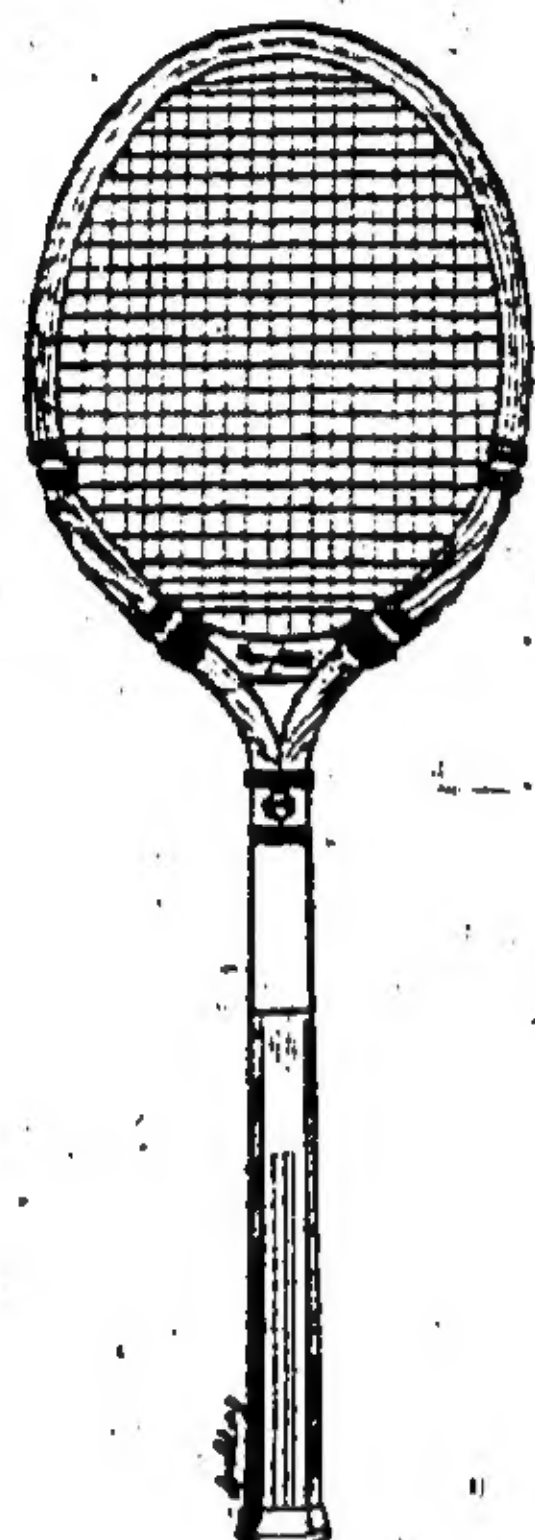
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MANY THRILLS IN U. S. AQUATIC SERIES JACK MEDICA FULLY EXTENDED

RALPH GILMAN'S EFFORT IN 220 YARDS DASH WOMEN SMASH RELAY MARK

Chicago, April 4.—JACK MEDICA, giant star from the University of Washington and the Washington A.C. of Seattle, turned on a withering burst of speed in the last 20 yards last night to nip Ralph Gilman of Ohio State University and retain his national senior A.A.U. indoor 220-yard free-style title.

Gilman, a towering, 20-year-old freshman, competing unattached, gave the title holder a terrific battle before succumbing by a touch at the finish. Medica led most of the way, with Gilman and Ralph Flanagan of the Greater Miami (Fla.) A.C. on even terms. Two lengths from home the Buckeye star opened up, forging into a two-foot lead.

Medica swam the last 20 yards in 12 seconds to retain his title in the good time of 2m. 11.6s. Flanagan was third, with Tom Haynie, University of Michigan freshman swimming unattached, fourth.

OLYMPIC SOCCER STARS BACK

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Questioned regarding the possibilities of the All-China team visiting England after the Games, Dr. Yung said that several prominent Chinese members of the Shanghai community were at present en route to the Berlin Games via England and would investigate the possibilities of playing several matches in England and Scotland, and possibly Ireland. If arrangements proved successful, they would probably arrive in England early in September for a month's tour of the British Isles.

Their present itinerary has been slightly changed, and they will now play two games in Saigon on May 8 and 9. They will arrive in Singapore on May 12 and will meet the pick of the Asiatics on May 14, sailing for Batavia the following day. They will play nine games in Java in 22 days, and will return to Singapore on June 6, when they will meet the Island side. They will then play one game in Penang, and four games in Medan, Sumatra, before leaving for Calcutta, where they have already communicated with the Calcutta Football Association with a view to playing one game.

Tour Of Continent
 After Calcutta they will play no more games until they arrive in Berlin on July 21. They will remain in Berlin until after the Games, and from August 16 (the closing day) until August 30 a tour of the Continent will be made, and it is anticipated that they will arrive in England early in September.

Lee Wai-tong expressed complete satisfaction with the team and endorsed the remarks made by Dr. C. C. Yung, although he refused to say anything about the criticism levelled at him by Northern contemporaries.

To Gain Experience
 He said it was impossible to judge what they would accomplish against teams in Europe, but, after all, their main ambition was to obtain a better understanding of the rudiments of the game, tactics and, above all, to retain that knowledge for the less fortunate ones in China.

He expressed regret at not being able to take his family with him, but this would have taken up much of his time and was therefore out of the question. He said the final selection of the All-China eleven would probably be made after the Java tour or the Calcutta match.

HLK.F.A. Letter
PROUD THAT SO MANY LOCAL PLAYERS SELECTED
 The following is a letter from the Hong Kong Football Association to the General Manager of the All-China football team:

Sir, — On the occasion of the departure for Europe of the All-China Olympic Football Team, the President, Council, and affiliated

teams of the Hong Kong Football Association write in wishing success and enjoyment to the first representative Chinese team to visit Europe.

The Hong Kong Football Association is proud that so many of their colleagues, who have learned the game on the football fields of this Colony, have been honoured by selection.

I express the feelings of every footballer in the Colony when I add that we are confident that the All-China Olympic Team will display great technical skill on the football fields of Europe. We feel sure that they will benefit by playing against fresh teams in new countries, and we sincerely trust that they will display on all occasions those marked qualities of sportsmanship and good feeling which constitute the only possible standard worthy of a great game with great traditions.

Yours sincerely,
 (sgd.) H. C. HARRISON, COLONEL, President, Hong Kong Football Association.

AUTOMATIC CAMERA HELPS JUDGES

THE CLOSE FINISHES IN HORSE RACING

DIP OF HEAD IS BAFFLING

(By "Leighton")

London, April 9.

THERE was a close finish at Nottingham on Monday in which the judge must have had some difficulty in deciding whether Mountain Ash or Irenicon had won. There was another yesterday at Leicester, when the judge could not decide whether Lonely Lady or Stoccardo had won the Oadby Plate for two-year-olds. He made it a dead-heat.

For some reason or other these Midland courses produce close finishes. There was one two years ago for the Stewards Handicap at Nottingham, in which there was nothing to choose among four horses.

The judge decided that Greenore had won by two short heads from Solenoid and Old Riley, while the fourth horse, Totag, could only have been another short head away.

This finish was so close that it would not be very costly, and it was almost too much for the human eye. In India they have a system by which one judge places the winner, and another, who stands on a tier above, places the second and third.

No Room For Dispute
 In decisions given by two independent judges, differently placed, there is little room for dispute as to how the horses should have been placed. The system practised on most racecourses in the United States is the automatic camera.

Whenever a judge there has doubts about which horse has won he waits until the photograph has been developed and gives his decision on that. The margin of error, it is claimed, is thereby greatly reduced.

Never Been Tried Here
 The subject of installing automatic cameras on racecourses in this country has been discussed for many years, but the experi-

U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

Rain Again Curtails Programme

New York, To-day.
 The following were the results of the League baseball matches played yesterday:—

National League			
	R.	H.	E.
New York.....	0	8	1
Stone pitched.			
Cincinnati.....	1	4	0
Boston.....	7	12	1
St. Louis.....	6	12	2
Davis hit a homer.			

The game between Brooklyn and Pittsburgh was postponed on account of the cold weather, while the encounter between Philadelphia and Chicago was postponed owing to rain.

American League			
	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland.....	6	13	0
Sullivan hit a homer.			
Washington.....	3	10	1

The following games were postponed on account of rain:—St. Louis v New York, Detroit v Boston, and Chicago v Philadelphia.—Reuter.

'GOLDEN GLOVES' TOURNEY TO-DAY

J. Magill Injures His Back

London, April 25.
 With the American amateurs meeting Great Britain in the Golden Gloves tournament at Wembley to-day, it is bad news that J. Magill has been injured.

This Irish constable is the best amateur cruiser-weight in the home countries, and just when he is needed most he injures his back.

The damage is severe enough to cause his doctor to advise a rest from boxing for several months.

The Americans are taking over a 23-year-old Negro named Brothers as their cruiser-weight representative, but Magill would have been well fancied to beat him.

THREE GERMAN YACHTS IN TRANSATLANTIC

From St. David's Head To Cuxhaven Crews

London, April 26.
 Three German yachts, entered by the Aschanti, 2, Hamburg, and Bremer clubs, will take part in the race from Bermuda to Germany beginning on July 1.

The start will be St. David's Head, Bermuda, and the finish the lights at Elbe 1, off Cuxhaven. Crews of yachts competing may not exceed five men and equipment and stores are also governed by the regulations.

L/CPL PETERS WINS GOVERNOR'S SHOOTING CUP

Animated Scene On Kowloon Range

SGT. WARWICK R. M. SECOND

The rifle range at Kowloon City presented an animated scene yesterday when the concluding events of the First Annual Bisle and Service meeting of the Hong Kong Rifle Association were held. A large number of ladies as well as officers from the different units were present.

The Governor's Cup was won by Lance Corporal Peters of the Royal Engineers, with Sergeant Warwick of the Royal Marines second. The winner was chaired in traditional manner from the range, and when the party reached level ground it was preceded by the band of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. The winner was lustily cheered all the way, till he reached the Governor's tent, where he, together with the other competitors who reached the first 20 places, were personally congratulated by His Excellency, after which a photograph was taken.

The Bisle Grand Aggregate resulted in a tie between Lieutenant of the Royal Engineers and Lance Corporal Peters of the same unit. There not being time for a shoot off, it was agreed to toss for the first place, and Corporal Peters won.

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K.C.C. BOWLS TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

Senior And Junior Rinks Selected

The following will represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in the First and Second Division of the Lawn Bowls Leagues next Saturday against Taikoo and the Yacht Club respectively:

Taikoo at Kings' Park:—
 H. Gittins, W. Geall, E. C. Fincher and J. Fraser (skip).
Yacht Club at North Point:—
 G. Lee, R. G. Craig, F. Goodwin and A. Hyde-Lay (skip).
 A. E. Silkestone, W. Hyde, N. J. Bebbington and R. P. Phillips (skip).
Yacht Club at North Point:—
 W. Mulcahy, A. Nissim, V. C. Latham and J. M. Jack (skip).
 C. J. Taichi, L. Jack, T. Ferguson and H. Overy (skip).
 W. W. Hirst, S. J. Houghton, T. Carr and L. E. Jammert (skip).
 The usual "Wappinshaw" game will be played for spoons at the K.C.C.

DUNLOP SOUTHPORT GOLF TOURNEY

The Dunlop-Southport 1,500 guineas professional golf tournament commenced yesterday, and will conclude next Friday. The holder is Charles Whitcombe, who returned a card of 295 for the tournament last year.

H. K. REFEREES' ASSN.

Owing to the termination of the football season, the bi-monthly meetings of the Hong Kong Football Referees' Association will not be held again until Monday, September 14, at 8 p.m. in the offices of the H.K.F.A. Sports Club Building.

DERBY CALL-OVER PAY UP REMAINS FAVOURITE

London, To-day.

The following is the call over for the Derby which will be run at Epsom Downs on Wednesday, May 27:—

Pap Up, 100 to 16, 1 and o.
 Rhodes Scholar, 9 to 1 and o.
 Balahissar, 100 to 9 o.
 Noble King, 13 to 1 and o.
 Mahmoud, 15 to 1, 1 and o.
 Thackerston, 18 to 1 o, 20 to 1 t.
 Magnet, 25 to 1 o, 28 to 1 t.
 Abjer, 25 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t.
 Racburn, 28 to 1 o, 33 to 1 t.
 His Grace, 33 to 1 o, 40 to 1 t.
 Tajakhar, 50 to 1 t and o.

—Reuter.



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Aftermath In Abyssinia

The flight of the Emperor of Ethiopia is indeed a tacit admission of defeat. One cannot but sympathise with this man and his country in the horrible trials they have been called upon to bear. And so comes to an end one of the most disgraceful campaigns it could be possible to consider. What it conveys to all decent people was only too forcibly outlined in a recent letter to *The Times* by Sir Hesketh Bell, who wrote:—

Do the people of Italy—the vast majority of whom are of a kindly and compassionate nature—realise the wickedness that is being committed in their name? When considering the advantages of possessing an African dominion do they appreciate the everlasting hatred that will burn in the breasts of the vanquished Ethiopians at the thought of the tortures inflicted on their aged parents, women, and small children by the white men who came to them brandishing their terrible weapons and promising them the blessings of civilisation and true Christianity?

The time for the reckoning has now come. The diplomatic dog-fight is the next item on the programme. Leaving aside the humanitarian aspects of the matter entirely and concentrating on the material results of a victorious Italian campaign, it is obvious that the Italian control of what was hitherto a sovereign State will in itself give rise to a number of complicated problems. The outlook is further complicated, however, but some very important facts, Italian domination over Ethiopia means that Egypt, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, French Somaliland and various British colonies and mandated territories are flanked by a powerful European Power flushed by victory and inspired and led by a dictator definitely on the rampage. The Lake Tsana region, of vital and particular importance to Britain in the Sudan and Egypt (a sphere of British influence, if nothing else), will be under the direct control of the Italian invaders, who are not exactly imbued with a spirit of conciliation and friendliness towards England at the present time. Whether it Friday last for Home leave, was an engineering possibility to taken off the ship on arrival at divert the waters of the Blue Shanghai, suffering from a heart attack, and was admitted to the real point is that any attempt to do so would undoubtedly be considered a hostile act, the most likely result of which would be war. And then there are the various treaties, commercial agreements and trade structures of the various Powers with Ethiopia. It is extremely unlikely that they will be allowed to continue to operate in exactly the same form as before. Everybody concerned, ourselves included, has a right to be seriously disturbed over the possibilities. Japan is already saying that she will take "adequate measures" to safeguard her interests there. What Japan can do the others concerned can do no doubt do also.

In short, Italy faces a formidable time ahead. Already she has alienated the sympathies of every self-respecting nation in the world by her campaign of ruthless terror against an inoffensive people. The attitude of the rest of the world is now no longer an academic question but something that must be translated into practical politics. To quote Sir Hesketh Bell again:—

Is the voice of collective civilisation going to remain silent in the presence of the horrors that are being perpetrated in Ethiopia? Are the coloured peoples throughout the

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The s.s. Tilawa will leave next Saturday morning for Rangoon and Calcutta via Straits ports.

There will be a Dinner Dance to-night in the Peninsula Hotel Roof Garden, also on Friday and Saturday next. Andres' popular orchestra will be in attendance.

To-day being the anniversary of the installation of Dr. Sun Yat-sen as first President of the Republic of China, the day will be kept as a Chinese national holiday.

The Kowloon Chess Club will meet at the Diocesan Boys' School at 6.35 p.m. to-day.

The General Committee of the Kowloon Union Church will meet to-day at 6.15 p.m.

A concert and dance in aid of the Cultural Fund of the Russian Orthodox community will be held at St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, this evening.

The St. John's Cathedral Mothers' Union will meet at 3 p.m. to-day.

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that the next whist drive will be held tomorrow at 9 p.m.

The weekly tea dance of the Cheero Club will be held to-morrow, from 5 to 7.30 p.m. Admission, including tea, will be 40 cents.

The launching of the ferry launch "Man Gok", built to the order of the Hong Kong and Yau-mati Ferry Co., Ltd., will take place at the Kowloon Docks on Tuesday next at 11.30 a.m. The Chairman and Directors of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., have issued invitations for the function. Launches will leave Queen's Pier at 11 a.m. on that day.

The Spring Festival at Quarry Bay School, which was postponed from last Friday, will, weather permitting, be held at the School at 11 a.m. on Thursday next.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia is due at Hong Kong from Shanghai on Thursday morning and will leave for Manila the same afternoon.

One case each of measles and cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the Health authorities during the 48 hours ended on Sunday.

The m.v. Silversteak, from New York, sailed from Los Angeles on April 11 and is expected here on or about May 14.

News has been received in the Colony by cable to the effect that who are not exactly imbued with a spirit of conciliation and friendliness towards England at the present time. Whether it Friday last for Home leave, was an engineering possibility to taken off the ship on arrival at divert the waters of the Blue Shanghai, suffering from a heart attack, and was admitted to the real point is that any attempt to do so would undoubtedly be considered a hostile act, the most likely result of which would be war. And then there are the various treaties, commercial agreements and trade structures of the various Powers with Ethiopia. It is extremely unlikely that they will be allowed to continue to operate in exactly the same form as before. Everybody concerned, ourselves included, has a right to be seriously disturbed over the possibilities. Japan is already saying that she will take "adequate measures" to safeguard her interests there. What Japan can do the others concerned can do no doubt do also.

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continent of Africa to be allowed to believe that the latest war-methods of the white man are all that they may expect whenever a European nation covets the lands that have been the homes of their forebears for countless generations? Complacency towards such a situation may, perhaps, be polite in regard to the present European situation, but that it will bring with it a terrible Nemesis in the days to come is a certainty.

Finally, without comment, we append herewith a portion of a telegram recently sent to *The Times* in London by Mr. T. A. Lambie, executive secretary of the Ethiopian Red Cross:—

"The bombing of country villages around Kworan and Walda, the permanent blinding and maiming of hundreds of helpless women and children, as well as the infliction of similar injuries on soldiers with the most dreadful of all dreadful agencies, yperite, or so-called mustard gas, should cause us to ask ourselves the question—whether?"

Whither, indeed? But let us give thanks, however, that once the complete defeat of the country is accomplished hands of missionaries will be sent there from Italy to convert the already Christian natives to an altogether bigger and better form of Christianity, and that any number of conversions daily are expected. Won't that be nice?

Here There and Everywhere.

NO "NEINS" THIS TIME

The fact that German voters were only able to vote "Ja" or "Nein" in the recent election was a wise precaution.

At the plebiscite to ratify Herr Hitler's assumption of the Presidency on the death of Hindenburg the Nazi authorities were seriously perturbed by the 10 per cent. of "Noes" recorded.

A commentator happened to be in a Black Forest town on polling day.

Every pavement was stencilled with slogans. Planes roared overhead with huge "Ja's" on the underside of their wings. Every instrument of propaganda was brought into play.

In the evening the results were announced in the Cathedral Square, with bands, flags and floodlights.

ST. PETER HAD FOUND OUT

The "Ja's" overwhelmingly outweighed the "Neins" in every case except one. The little village of St. Peter in Upper Baden had very nearly as many "Neins" as "Ja's."

"Let us never forget," shouted the announcer, "that there are 645 'Noes' in St. Peter."

Dr. Klausener, the Catholic leader, had been one of the victims of the June 30 "clean up" two months before. Some Catholic friends had only read of his death in a French paper two or three days before, so carefully had it been suppressed.

But St. Peter, where he lived and had been greatly beloved, had found out.

Your Daily Smile!

Let a cadger have \$5, and you'll often find it's only the beginning of the lend.

Meeting: "How are you?" "I've heard such a lot about you." "Yes, but you can't prove it."

Crusader: The man who married for a wage and is now leading a campaign against betting.

Just after the K.O.: "The boxing world revolves round the heavy-weights," says a writer.

The trouble with life nowadays is not so much keeping in the van as keeping out of the cart.

"Many actors suffer from indigestion," says a writer. This may be due to their partiality for new roles.

BRITISH SEA POWER TO-DAY MANY NEW ENQUIRIES NEEDED

IMPARTIAL COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SET UP IMMEDIATELY

(By Adm. Sir Roger Keyes, M.P.)

ABOUT 50 years ago, Great Britain awoke to the fact that her security and that of her Overseas Dominions lay in the possession of sea power, and that while vast sums were being squandered on fortifications, the Navy had become inadequate to protect our trade routes against the navies of Russia and France, the potential enemies of that day.

On May 6, 1889, a bill was presented to Parliament: "To make further provision for Naval Defences and to defray the expenses thereof."

Founding Modern Navy

The bill was passed by a majority of about 2 to 1, and was acclaimed throughout the country, despite the frenzied denunciations of the pacifists of that day, who declared that when the people realised how their money was being wasted those who occupied the front benches would be swept away with ignominy.

Nevertheless, this wise measure restored our maritime security and was the foundation of our modern Navy, which kept the peace for 20 years, and when war was forced upon us, stood between Germany and her ambition to secure world-wide domination.

The Government in recent weeks have announced a naval programme which, though tardy and inadequate, is a step forward towards the restoration of British sea power. The vast majority of our people will not grudge the heavy expenditure entailed if they are certain that the money will be wisely spent and will give naval security.

There are certain problems, however, which have to be settled before confidence can be satisfactorily established, and it is important that they should be settled with the least possible delay.

A Vast Field

The exercise of sea power covers a vast field, and though the advent of air power has greatly extended naval reconnaissance — under favourable conditions — and the range of sea-borne offensive weapons, it has necessitated additional protection to ships, and the provision of aircraft and costly and vulnerable aircraft-carriers from which to operate them.

The expense and difficulties of providing naval security have thus been enormously increased, without in any way relieving the Navy of its immense and officially recognised responsibilities.

The Navy of to-day is fully alive to the vital importance of possessing a powerful and efficient air service not only to work with the Fleet but to co-operate with surface craft in protecting our convoys through narrow seas, and when approaching our ports.

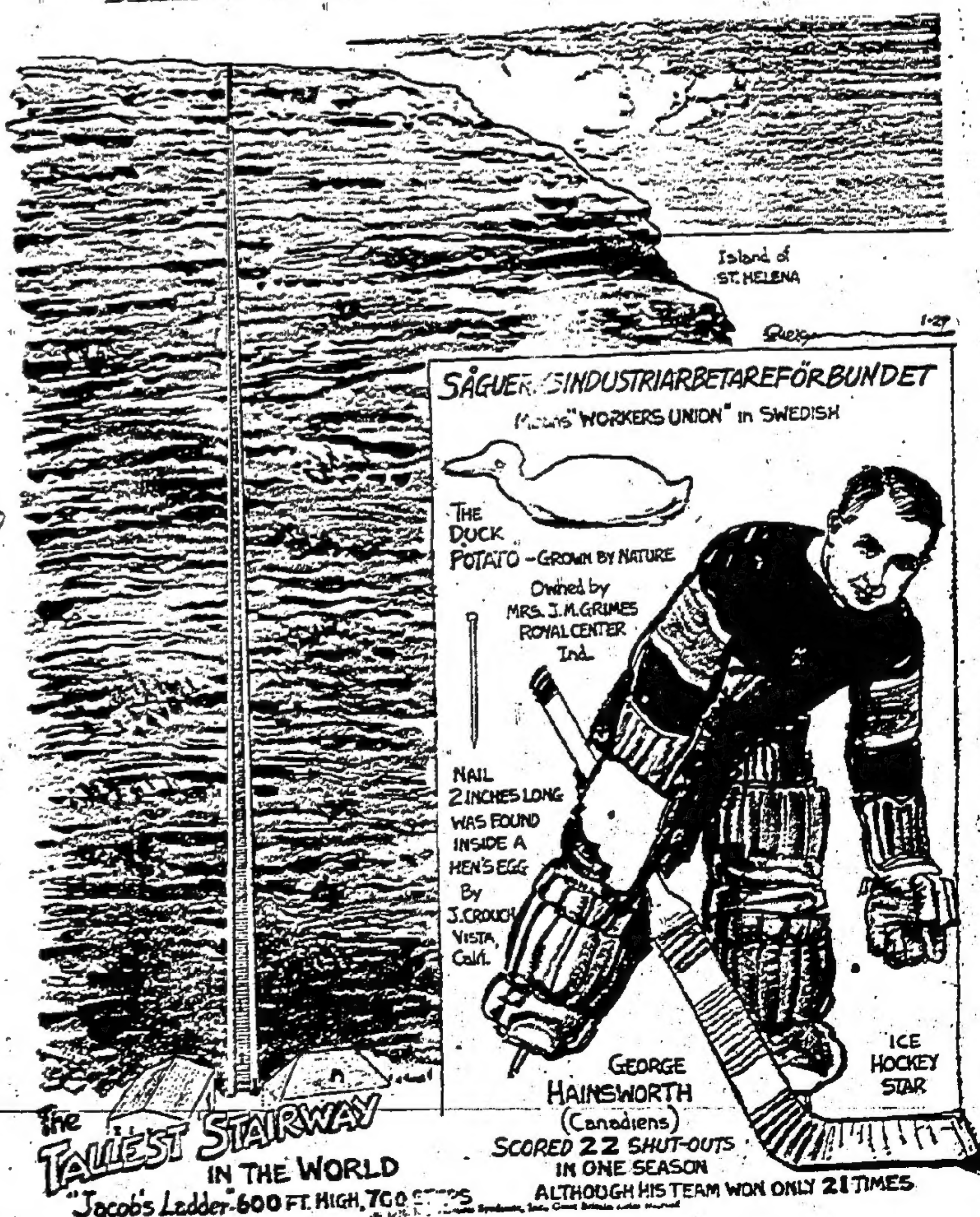
By the end of the Great War the Navy possessed an immense organisation for this latter service, and it was not actually absorbed in the R. A. F. until after the war. It is now non-existent, but it will have to be re-established if our sea power is to be restored; and yet there seems to be doubt as to whether the Navy or the R. A. F. will be responsible for operating the aircraft, although they will be required to carry out this purely naval work.

Dual Control Bad

The dual control of the Naval Air Service has not only grievously hampered efficiency and development of recent years, but it would be simply disastrous if war broke out under existing conditions.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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siderable evening-up of positions,
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Spot 11.61 11.62

New York Rubber:—

May 15.76 15.68

July 15.82 15.78

September 15.91 15.89

December 16.00 15.97

March 16.11 16.08

Chicago Wheat:—

May 97 98 1/2

July 86 1/2 87 1/2

September 84 1/2 85 1/2

Chicago Corn:—

July 61 60 1/2

September 59 1/2 59 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat:—

May 77 1/2 77 1/2

July 78 1/2 78 1/2

October 80 1/2 80

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From
Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co.

quotations in Straits currency

from Singapore for Raw Rubber.

Spot 25 1/2 Down 1/4

July/Sept. 26 1/2 Down 1/4

Oct./Dec. 26 1/2 Down 1/4

Jan./March 26 1/2 Down 1/4

Market:—Uncertain.

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SHARE MARKET

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following was the list of
local share quotations issued to-
day:—

Banks

H.K. Bank \$1.530 b.

H.K. Bank (London) \$1.04 n.

Chartered Bank \$1.4 1/2 n.

Mercantile Bank A and B

\$3.0 1/2 n.

Mercantile Bank C. \$1.3 1/4 n.

Bank of East Asia \$7.5 n.

Canton Ins. \$2.75 n.

Union Ins. \$1.5 b.

China Underwriters \$1 n.

China Fire Ins. \$4.80 n.

H.K. Fire Ins. \$2.50 n.

International Asso. Sh. \$3.4 n.

Shipping

Douglases \$2.3 1/2 n.

H.K. Steamships \$5 1/2 n.

Indo-China (Pref.) \$30 n.

Indo-China (Def.) \$20 n.

Shell (Bearer) \$5.7 1/2 n.

Union Waterboats \$12.20 n.

Mining

Antamoks \$2.33 b.

Balatoks \$2.3 1/2 n.

Baguio Gold 27 cts. n.

Benquet Consolidated \$18.20 n.

Benquet Exploration 22 cts. n.

Big Wedge 35 cts. n.

Demonstration 74.75 cts. sa.

Gold Creek 15 cts. n.

Gold River 4 cts. n.

Itogons \$1.20 n.

L.I.L. \$1 1/4 n.

Salatoks 11 cts. n.

Kailing Mining Ad. 11 1/3 n.

Langkats (Single) Sh. \$10 n.

Masbate 70 cts. n.

Shai Exploration Sh. \$4 1/2 n.

Shanghai Loans Sh. \$4 n.

Raubs \$11 1/4 n.

San Maurice \$1 1/4 n.

United-Paracale 75 1/2 cts. sa.

Venz; Goldfeld 3 1/2 n.

Docks, etc.

H.K. and K. Wharves \$91 n.

H.K. and W. Docks \$9 n.

Providents (old) \$1 1/4 n.

Providents (new) 20 cts. n.

Hong Kew Sh. \$185 n.

New Engineering Sh. \$4 n.

Shanghai Docks Sh. \$100 n.

Cotton Mills

Ewo Cottons Sh. \$3 1/2 n.

Shanghai Cottons (old) Sh. \$71

b.

Shanghai Cottons (new) Sh.

\$39 1/2 n.

Zong Sing Sh. \$12 n.

Wing On Textiles Sh. \$25 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H.K. and H. Hotel \$4.80 s.

H.K. Lands \$30 n.

H.K. Lands 4% Debentures

100% b.

Shanghai Lands Sh. \$18 n.

Metropolitan Lands Sh. \$10 n.

Humphreys \$8.80 n.

H.K. Realities \$5 n.

Chinese Estates \$82 n.

China Realities Sh. \$4 n.

China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways \$10.90 b. \$11/-

95 sa.

Peak Trams (old) \$7 n.

Peak Trams (new) \$3 n.

Star Ferries \$88 1/2 b.

Yau-mat Ferries \$19 n.

C. Light (old) \$10.60 b. \$10 1/4 s.

C. Lights (new) \$7.35 b.

H.K. Electric \$51 b.

Macao Electric \$20 n.

Sandakan Lights \$5.30 n.

Telephones (old) \$25 b.

Telephones (new) \$9 n.

China Zues Sh. \$11 1/4 n.

Singapore Traction 22 1/2 b.

Singapore Traction Pref. 28/-

n.

Industrials

Malayan Sugars \$8.40 n.

Cald., Macq. (Ord.) Sh. \$19 1/2 n.

Cald., Macq. (Pref.) Sh. \$15 n.

LOCAL DOLLAR
STEADY

Silver Prices Rise

The local dollar is steady,
opening on demand this morning
at 1/32 d.
Silver prices rose 1/4, both "spot"
and "forward" being quoted at
20 3/4.

The London on New York cross-
rate was quoted at \$—U.S.—\$4.96,
as compared with \$—U.S.—\$4.93 1/2
while the New York on London
cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.—
\$4.95 1/2, as compared with \$—U.S.—
\$4.94 1/2.

BERLIN SHARE MARKET

Berlin, To-day. — The share-
market opened somewhat weak,
owing to the abundance of selling
orders and reserved attitude of
operators. Fixed interest securi-
ties showed considerable resis-
tance, with slight gains.—Trans-
Ocean Service.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, To-day. — The Reichs-
mark was quoted yesterday with-
out guarantee, at:—New York,
40.21; Paris, 610.75; Amsterdam,
59.245; and London, 12.315. Paris
quoted the pound sterling at 75-
37, and the U.S. dollar at 15.1837
to 15.1913.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FROM WEALTH TO
POVERTY

Man Who Once Drew
£2,000 A Year

OFFERS 2/6 A MONTH

Charles Antoine Kitson, of
Lower Kingswood, Surrey, who
said that he formerly had a salary
of £2,000 a year, offered at
Clerkenwell County Court recently
to pay a debt of £11 13s. 7d. at
the rate of 2s. 6d. monthly.

Mr. Kitson, who stated that he
was unemployed, handed Mr. Re-
gistrar Friend papers to prove
that he was paying 30s a month on
other judgments.

The Registrar: It was rather
foolish of you to show me a judg-
ment for a wine bill.

Mr. Kitson: I was making about
£2,000 a year when I had it.

The Registrar: Even then you
did not pay your bills.

Later Mr. Kitson said that he
made some money by driving
friends in his wife's car.

The Registrar: You offer 2s 6d
a month and you are driving about
in a car?—I have sometimes to go
to London to look for work, and
the station is three miles away.

There are some 2,000,000 people
who have to look for work without
a car to help them. You must pay
10s a month.

Canton Ices \$1 1/4 n.
Cements \$10.10 sa.
H.K. Ropes \$4.40 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms \$20 s.

Watsons \$2.80 b.

Lane, Crawford's 66 1/2 n.

Mackintoshes \$5 n.

Sinceres \$2 n.

Wm. Powells 50 cts. n.

Wing On (H.K.) \$50 n.

Miscellaneous

Entertainments \$2.90 n.

S. C. Enterprises \$1.35 n.

Macao "Greyhounds" \$2 n.

Constructions (old) \$1 1/4 n.

Constructions (new) 30 cts. b.

THE SITUATION IN ABYSSINIA

STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

ROMANCE AMONG BELEAGUERED LEGATION REFUGEES

London, To-day: A statement on the situation in Abyssinia was made by the Foreign Secretary in reply to a private notice question in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon. Mr. Eden said: "On the evening of Friday, May 1, the Emperor of Ethiopia sent his secretary to inform Sir Sidney Barton that he had renounced the direction of affairs, which he had confined to his Council of Ministers, and that he intended to leave for Djibouti with his family immediately. In communicating this message the Emperor made it clear that his wish was to proceed with his family to Palestine.

"His Majesty's Government felt it incumbent upon them to grant this request, and so far as lay in their power to facilitate the passage of the party to Jerusalem. They therefore placed themselves in communication with the French Government, who for their part expressed their readiness to give effect to whatever wishes to Emperor might express as to his further destination.

"In these circumstances His Majesty's Government have ordered the cruiser Enterprise to proceed to Djibouti and to convey the Emperor and his party direct to Haifa. The Emperor, who has renounced the direction of affairs, will naturally be expected while in Palestine not to participate in any way in the furtherance of the hostilities.

The Foreign Secretary then turned to the situation in Addis Ababa itself, regarding which he said: "His Majesty's Minister has reported that grave disorder broke out shortly after the Emperor's departure, which has, I understand, continued ever since. There has been extensive looting, and arms have been freely used. Attacks have been made on certain foreign Legations, though not, I understand, upon the British Legation, and on foreign property, and the business quarter of the town is said to be largely in ruins.

Number of Casualties "I regret to inform the House that the latest reports from His Majesty's Minister indicate that a certain number of casualties have occurred among the foreign residents, though so far as I am aware, only one British subject has been injured. This is Dr. Melly, Medical Officer in charge of the British Red Cross Ambulance, who was wounded in the streets by an Ethiopian rioter. He, together with the remainder of the British community and over 2,000 refugees of 23 different nationalities, is at present being cared for in the British Legation.

"In September 1935 the Legation guard was reinforced by a company of Indian infantry for the express purpose of protecting the British community in the event of an emergency. I am glad to think that the presence of these troops has almost certainly enabled a great many lives, which might otherwise have been jeopardised or lost, to be saved.

Praise for Staff "The members of the British community have continually at great personal risk formed rescue parties to bring into the protection of His Majesty's Legation Europeans, regardless of nationality, from points of danger. I am sure the House will agree that the greatest credit is due to the staff of His Majesty's Legation, who have gone through and still are going through a most anxious time for the way in which they have handled a very difficult and trying situation, and above all, to Sir Sidney Barton, whose conduct of affairs throughout has been beyond all praise."

Two Incidents Conditions in the Abyssinian capital yesterday were revealed in a summary by reports of two incidents. Unable to establish communication by messenger with the British Legation owing to mob rule in the town, the United States Minister, who remained with his wife and six men at his own Legation on Sunday when 10 women and children were removed for safety to the British Legation, sent a wireless message yesterday afternoon to the Department of State in Washington, of the attack by marauders, which was being withstood by the staff and native servants. The State Department spoke by wireless telephone to the American Ambassador in London, who in turn telephoned the Foreign Office.

The second incident illustrates the spirit in which they are meeting the dangers and discomforts of the situation. Two newspaper correspondents, British and French, filled in their enforced leisure yesterday morning by getting married at the Consulate. They spent their honeymoon driving round the British Legation park, including the refugee camp.

It is reported that only one Italian aeroplane has been seen over Addis Ababa in the last three days. The British Missionary, Mr. Buxton, has been slightly wounded while engaged in rescuing Europeans.—British Wireless Service.

QUEEN'S ROAD ACCIDENT

Private Driver Fined For Hitting Policeman

K. Higashi, a dentist in Gloucester Buildings, residing at No. 38 Village Road, was this morning fined \$25 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for driving without care and caution in Queen's Road on April 19.

Inspector Alexander said that the defendant was driving along Queen's Road in an easterly direction, when another car came down Wellington Street into Bonham Strand. The constable on point duty signalled to the defendant to stop, but he did not. The constable then raised his right hand and shouted to him, but defendant drove on and had to swerve. He hit the platform and knocked down the policeman, who was injured in the legs and would still be in the hospital for another two weeks.

The defendant said that he misunderstood the signal and did not see the other car coming.

OBITUARY

Mr. Chambers Passes In Belgium

SENIOR LAND RAILIFF, P.W.D. HONG KONG

News has been received in the Colony of the death of Mr. George Jameson Chambers, Senior Land Railiff, Public Works Department, which took place yesterday at Schy, Belgium.

The late Mr. Chambers left here on March 21 on leave, prior to retirement after 26 years' service. Whilst not in very good health when he went away, his sudden demise will come as a great shock to his many local friends, who will extend the deepest sympathy to the widow in her bereavement.

CLAIM AGAINST BANK

Return Of Deposit Demanded

PREMISES TO BE INSPECTED

The case in which the National City Bank of New York and one of its employees, Lai Sui-chow, are sued for the return of \$1,000, alleged to have been deposited with them by Fung Kiu-hoi, was resumed before Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden at the Summary Court this morning.

Mr. D. McCallum was for the plaintiff and Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for the Bank. The second defendant was not in Court nor was he legally represented.

The plaintiff's claim was that on June 30, 1927, he deposited with the defendant bank a sum of \$2,000 in the savings department. He was given a deposit book and it was a term of the deposit that the bank would pay an interest of 4 per cent. per annum. Interest had been credited in the said account from time to time and various sums withdrawn, and on May 2, 1933, the balance due to the plaintiff as shown in the deposit book was \$1,000. The plaintiff had demanded payment of this sum together with the interest accrued, but the defendant bank failed and neglected to pay the money, he claimed.

The claim against the second defendant was that he had falsely represented that he had the authority of the Bank to receive the money deposited and to issue the deposit book and that he had converted such sum to his own use, less the sum of \$1,323.35 received by the plaintiff. The plaintiff also claimed from this defendant interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum on the said sum of \$2,000.

Had Lai Authority?

At this morning's hearing Mr. Prior said that at the beginning of the hearing four issues were set aside and as regards the first one, "had Lai authority to receive the money?", Mr. Prior said that he thought that His Lordship must be satisfied, by this time, that the second defendant had not.

Mr. Prior then dealt with the other issues, after which he stated that the second defendant still had a provident fund of about \$1,500 in the Bank and that if judgment was given against him, this money could be used to meet the costs.

Mr. McCallum submitted that the case must be decided on the evidence produced and as far as Mr. Church's evidence was concerned, Mr. McCallum said that this gentleman was not present in the Bank at all the material times.

His Lordship intimated that he would like to inspect the premises of the Bank, and as he would take a long time before delivering judgment, he said that he was taking a full note of the case.

The case is proceeding.

DEFENDANT NOT IN COURT

Claims Against E. D. Shank

Mr. Mervyn J. M. Bryan, represented by Mr. D. McCallum, was the plaintiff in an action this morning when he claimed \$1,000 from Edward D. Shank, being money lent under two notes of \$500 each, some time in December 1933. The defendant was not in Court and judgment was given by Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, with costs, to the plaintiff.

In another action, Mr. Bryan claimed \$925 from Edward D. Shank and again it was found that the defendant was not in Court. In the witness box the

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[To the Editor, "China Mail"]
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"Mr. Chung Man Chai" \$10
Miscellaneous \$3

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada is due at Hong Kong from Vancouver and ports on Friday morning, May 22, and will sail the same evening for Manila.

The R.M.S. Empress of Russia is due at Hong Kong from Vancouver on the morning of June 4 and will sail the same evening for Manila.

The s.s. Tilawa is due at Hong Kong from Amoy on Thursday afternoon.

Phalwan Khan, a driver, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with making persistent telephone calls to No. 54 The Peak on May 2, without reasonable cause, thus causing an annoyance. Defendant denied the charge and was remanded till Thursday at 11.30.

R. V. Stryevsky, driver of private car No. 1024, was this morning fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for failing to have the front light of his car on, while driving at 7.15 p.m. on April 15 in Island Road. Sergeant Clarke, prosecuting, said that the off-side light was out.

Mok Wai-chuen, aged 25, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition as the result of injuries received when he fell from the second floor of No. 265, Lai-chikok Road yesterday.

JELICOE'S MEDALS

Relics of famous admirals shown at the Royal United Service Museum, Whitehall, last month included Earl Jellicoe's orders and medals and the uniform he wore at Jutland.

plaintiff stated that the money represented small sums lent to the defendant at various dates. Judgment, with costs, was given to the plaintiff.

Prominent Resident Transferred

Mr. Oscar B. Raven, of the firm of Raven and Basto, architects and engineers, who has been in the Colony for 17 years, is leaving for England next Saturday, in order to take up an appointment with the Admiralty. Apart from his professional career, Mr. Raven has taken a keen interest in St. Andrew's Church, being a member of the Church Council and the choir, as well as a trustee and vestryman.

You stress the point that there should always be a feeling of uplift in our local programmes; they should always have some sort of standard without, of course, any attempt at education.

One can indeed deplore the lack of artistic life in the Colony. Even the two old-established institutions do not set the high standards they might—the A.D.C. seems to specialise in questionable plays, and the somewhat decadent Philharmonic Society seems to prefer poor music, and even then performs it badly.

Little wonder that there is a rising feeling of indignation against the daily hotch-potch which goes by the name of wireless programmes.

To be constructive may I make the suggestion that one of the Government Cadets (he need not be called Honourable!) be given the task of arranging the programmes? There are fortunately many well-educated and artistic gentlemen in the Colony who could make a great success if given the chance. Whatever happened, they could not do worse than is disclosed by the present state of affairs.

I am glad you protested against the misuse of the word "classical". There was a recent recital of pot-boilers by a baritone soloist, a tenor lately unloaded another lot. Let the "Brown Bird Sing", elsewhere, the "Red Sun Sink" no more, and "Friend of Mine" for once be not there. Ugh! (Fancy this tripe being called "classical").

There are countless good English songs. Why do we not hear them more frequently?

MARS ET MINERVA.

ESSAYS ON THE EMPIRE

Many Schoolchildren Participate

The results of the School Essay Competition held in 1935 by the Royal Empire Society have just been published, and the popularity of the competition is evident from the many parts of the Empire from which entries were received. The winner of Class A (Ages 16-19) was Norman J. Earl, of Bristol, the subject being "The Uses of the Cinema and Radio for Empire Education and Trade." For Class B (Ages 14-16) the subject was "What parts of the Empire are supplied with the goods which are produced in your neighbourhood?", and the first prize went to Agnes Sylvia Jackson, of Liverpool. Robert Owen Davies, of Oamaru, N.Z., was awarded the first prize in class C, open to children under the age of 14, the subject being "If you were offered a holiday in some part of the Empire other than your own, where would you like to go, and what would you hope to see?"

Next Essays The subjects for the next essays are (Class A) "What can culture do to strengthen the links between the different parts of the Empire?" (Class B) Discuss the influence of aviation on the development of the Empire. (Class C) "How is Empire Day observed in your district, and how do you think the celebrations could be made more effective?"

On the recommendation of its Imperial Studies Committee, the Council of the Royal Empire Society has decided to make the fifth award of the Walter Frewen Lord Memorial Prize to Mr. Angus Ross, of Knox College, Dunedin, N.Z., for his essay entitled "The Crown as the symbol of the free association of the members of the British Commonwealth united by a common allegiance to the Crown." The essay deals with the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

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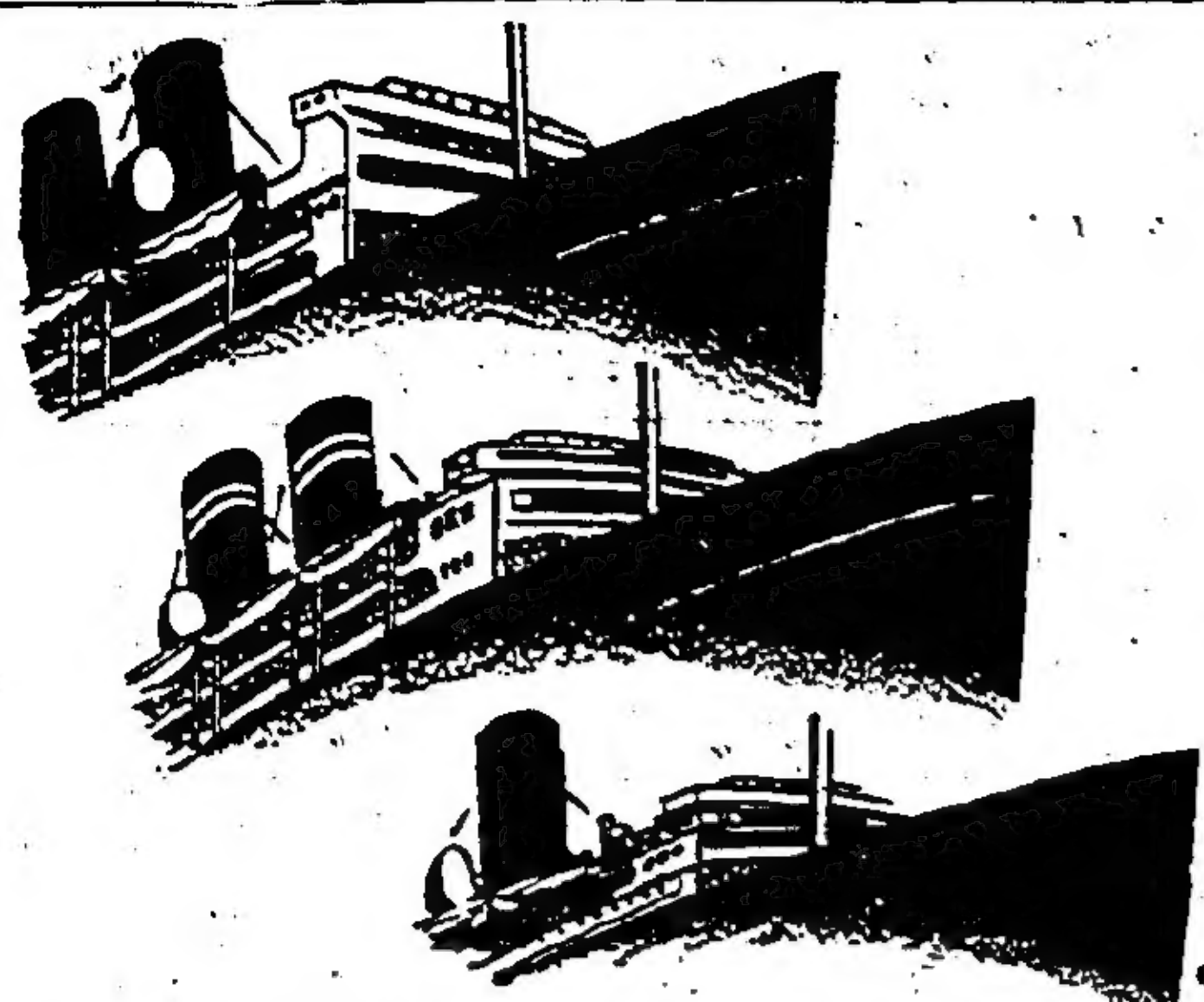
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*BEHAR	6,000	6th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RANPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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KAISER-I-HIND	11,000	22nd Aug.	Bombay Marseilles & London.
RAIPUTANA	17,000	5th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	12th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	19th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	26th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
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NANKIN	7,000	3rd July	
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BRITAIN'S SEA POWER TO-DAY

(Continued from Page 6)

Recent correspondence in the London press has shown how important it is to settle this matter definitely, and it never can be satisfactorily settled under a system which conflicts with the fundamental principles of administration and command.

Another very important question which is perplexing the country to-day is the value of a battleship and its vulnerability to air attack.

We have recently been asked to believe that some experiments which were carried out 15 years ago against an obsolete German battleship, lacking modern deck and under-water protection, were proof that the battleship was doomed. As a matter of fact, that battleship withstood two days' intense bombing from a low altitude so satisfactorily that the experiment gave proof to the contrary.

One Naval Correspondent has since given an interesting account of recent American tests, which, like the exhaustive experiments which have been carried out by our Admiralty in co-operation with the Air Ministry, have conclusively proved that a battleship has less to fear from the heaviest bombs dropped from the air than from naval weapons.

Similar Tests
No doubt other naval Powers have carried out similar tests; Japan has modernised all her capital ships at immense expense, and Germany, Italy and France are all building great capital ships—although their fleets operate mostly in narrow waters—and they are fully alive to the value of air power.

Continental nations have vast numbers of aeroplanes, great conscript armies and strong fortifications to defend their frontiers—unrestricted by disarmament treaties. We have none of these things, and yet we go from one Naval Conference to another and permit nations to whom sea power is in no way vital to limit our freedom to build the ships and types of ships we need for our security.

Our frontiers are the sea, and if our Empire is to survive in this troubled world it is essential for Great Britain to maintain a supreme fleet to guard her sea communications.

Mobile Fortresses
Battleships are our mobile fortresses, under cover of which all subsidiary vessels operate; and as long as our potential enemies build and maintain powerful battleships on the threshold of our trade routes it would be folly to neglect to build ships which could fight them on equal terms. They are sure to be better equipped for modern warfare than our 22-year-old battleships which we are at last modernising at enormous cost—a most uneconomical proceeding.

The actions of Coronel and the Falkland Islands proved that unilateral reduction in the offensive and defensive qualities of ships would be as dangerous as unilateral disarmament. Nevertheless, we are continually told in Press and Parliament that battleships are redundant and useless, and could not operate within range of powerful bombers based on an enemy's coast. Neither could they have operated, without still greater risk, within range of the immense fortifications that Germany constructed to protect her bases.

The Heligoland fortifications alone must have cost more than a division of battleships, but there was no need for the Grand Fleet ever to go near Heligoland, and it exercised command of the sea from a base several hundred miles away.

Blockade Maintained
Under its cover armed merchantmen patrolled in mid-Atlantic and maintained a blockade which proved a stranglehold on Germany and contributed to the ultimate victory; and anti-submarine measures were developed which eventually defeated the German submarine menace.

Moreover, it was the presence of the battleships of the Grand Fleet in a strategic position in the North Sea which prevented the egress of powerful capital ships—such as Germany is building to-day—which would



Marshall Wilhelm Goering, Vice-Chancellor of Germany and Prussian Premier, nurses his pet lion cub in a fatherly fashion at his Berlin home.

have destroyed our lightly protected convoys, on the safe arrival of which the very life of the country and the armies fighting abroad depended.

The restoration of our Merchant Service to its pre-war prosperity is a matter of extreme urgency. Heavy subsidies paid to foreign vessels and navigation laws which discriminate against our shipping have placed a grievous handicap upon our Mercantile Marine.

Unemployment At Sea
The unemployment among its seamen, which has affected the entry of young men and boys; our shrinking fishing population, and the present shortage of British merchant shipping, including tankers, are matters which are causing grave concern to those who had experience during the last war of bringing essential supplies into the country.

We never had enough vessels then, when we had a far larger proportion of the world's shipping than we have to-day, and we were dependent upon the assistance of neutral vessels. Their crews had to face the same kind of risks as those of our ships, and bravely did so, but they may not be prepared to do it now, under the threat of air attack.

It was found, also, that our western and south-western ports had not adequate facilities to deal with the immense amount of shipping required to supply the country, and we had to continue to send ships up the Channel and the East Coast, notwithstanding the risk and the losses they incurred. These risks will be enormously increased by the threat of air attack, and it may well be impossible to use the Port of London to bring vulnerable merchantmen within reach of hostile aircraft.

Oil And Grain Reserves
This all points to the urgent need of building up reserves of necessities such as grain and oil, storing them in safety against air attack, and developing without delay the means for supplying the country, if necessary through the West Coast ports, which can only be approached by enemy aircraft from European bases, across hundreds of miles of hostile country, where they would be subject to attack from our aircraft and our anti-aircraft defences.

These are not insuperable difficulties, and if taken in time would greatly diminish the risks and lighten the task of the Navy should war break out.

Certain other outstanding questions remain unsettled, such as those connected with the dual firing of ships and the possibility of obtaining sufficient oil from coal. It is important that the taxpayer, who will have to find the money for the restoration of our defences, should be satisfied that the Government are pursuing the right policy with regard to the revival of our sea power.

Lord Beatty's Demand
Only a month before he died Lord Beatty wrote in a letter to a London paper, with reference to the dual control of naval aviation:

"I am sure that neither through the Press nor Parliament, nor by political committees, will this question ever be

WAFD TRIUMPH IN EGYPT

Sweeping Victory At Elections

NAHAS PASHA TO BECOME PREMIER

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Cairo, To-day.

Although the definite results of the Egyptian Parliamentary elections on Sunday are not yet available, an overwhelming victory of the Nationalist Wafd Party is already assured. In the 145 constituencies of which the results are already known, the party had elected no less than 118 candidates. The new Parliament will meet on Friday to appoint the Regency Council. In the question of appointing two-fifths of the Senate members, which is a prerogative of the Crown and therefore of Premier Ali Maher Pasha as Regent, an agreement was reached between the Premier and the leader of the Wafd Party, Nahas Pasha, after the British High Commissioner had declared that Britain would observe a completely neutral attitude in this matter, as well as in the question of the Regency Council.

Prince Ali Pasha will resign from the Regency immediately after the appointment of the Regency Council. Nahas Pasha will then take over the Government—Trans-Ocean Service.

RELIC OF AMUNDSEN

The chronometer which once belonged to the famous Arctic explorer, Amundsen, has been given to the Moscow All Union Arctic Museum. The watch was presented by Amundsen in 1920 to one of the residents of the Ayas Island of the Chukotka Coast.

A proper judicial inquiry seems to be the only solution, in order that facts and not personalities shall be the deciding factor in making such a vital decision.

The evidence of those who are responsible for, and who wish to perpetuate, the dual control of naval aviation, but who bear no responsibility for naval efficiency or the exercise of sea power, could then be taken and weighed against the evidence of the Government's naval advisers. They not only have exhaustive experience and practical experience to guide them, but also bear all the responsibility and are thoroughly dissatisfied with the hampering conditions under which they have been forced to work.

Enquiry Needed
I think the Government would be well advised to set up an impartial committee of men whom the country trusts—free from political and Service bias—to carry out an enquiry into this and other controversial questions.

Sir Thomas Inskip, the new Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, is well fitted to preside over a judicial committee for this purpose, and I am convinced that its findings would clear the air of many misconceptions and satisfy the country as to the urgent need for restoring British sea power.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PROFIT SHOWN FOR YEAR

A profit of \$665.72 on the year's working was shown at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, which was held last evening at the St. John's Cathedral Hall.

A number of interesting suggestions were put forward at the meeting. Among them was a proposal that an orchestral section of the Society be formed the which could give performances apart from the feature production of the year, and could be taken part in by those less interested in stage productions.

Another was that the Society form quartets, sextets, or similar bands and enliven the programmes of Z.B.W. A third was that the Society stage the annual production on two successive Saturday nights and one other night, rather than on three consecutive nights as has formerly been the practice.

RESTORATION IN AUSTRIA

Hapsburg Property To Be Returned

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Vienna, To-day.

The first practical result of the law passed a year ago authorising the restoration of the family possessions of the house of Hapsburg-Lorraine, which were formerly confiscated by the State to provide funds out of which those wounded in the world war should be compensated, is about to follow from an official announcement of the Federal Chancellery, that on April 24 last the Austrian Government decided to create a fund

TOWER RELIC FOUND

Structure Of Old Drawbridge

Excavations made just inside the public entrance to the Tower of London have brought to light the masonry structure of an ancient drawbridge. It crossed an extension of the moat made to surround the Lion Tower, which formerly stood at the spot.

A subsidence caused by February's heavy rains led to investigation. The small area first opened revealed a pier of masonry, the top surface being some 4ft below the ground level.

The site of the drawbridge is indicated on a survey of the Tower made in Stuart times, which the present discovery confirms.

Up to a century ago the Lion Tower housed the Royal menagerie, which began in 1235 with three leopards presented to Henry III.

SEVERAL INJURED

Scenes At Fascist Meeting

Several persons were injured at a Fascist meeting in Fulford Hall, Hull, last month. Sir Oswald Mosley was to have spoken, but did not attend owing, it was stated, to an attack of influenza. His place was taken by Mr. John Beckett, a former Socialist M.P.

Mr. Beckett objected to interruptions and told the audience that Communists present were cowards hiding behind the skirts of women. Immediately several men jumped to their feet and rowdy scenes followed.

out of which the restoration of the confiscated fortune would be paid. As a considerable amount of the former Hapsburg property is still intact, the restitution process can begin forthwith.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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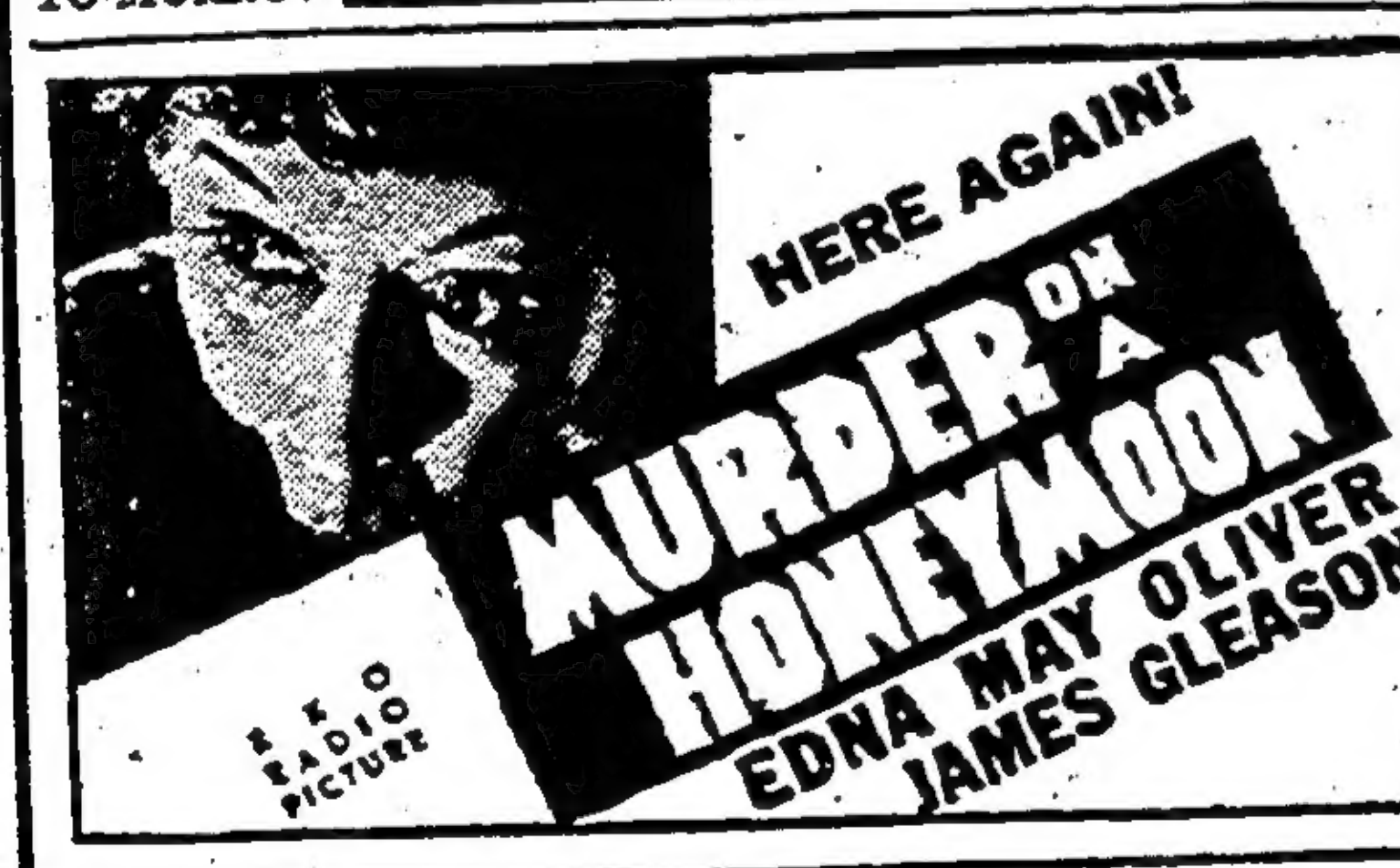


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SUDDEN SQUALL AT CANTON

Several Small Boats Overturned

NO LIVES LOST

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. Several small boats in the harbour were overturned when a sudden strong wind accompanied by a rain storm struck Canton at 5.50 p.m. last evening. Fortunately no deaths were reported.

The thunderstorm came almost without warning and was at its worst by 6.20 p.m. The heavy rain and thunder lasted a little over an hour. Again the low-lying suburbs were flooded by the rain and communications were cut off for over an hour.

Upper Saikwan, Teng Feng Lane and Honam suburb were inundated with two and a half feet of water, which subsided by 9 p.m. Some signboards and neon lights in the shopping districts were blown down by the sudden gusts of wind.

Farmers welcome the down-pour, as so far this early summer has not been rainy enough. More rain is needed for the crops.

Owing to the blinding storm cinema theatres were poorly patronised last night during the first performance.

BOYS' FESTIVAL CELEBRATED

Japanese Rejoicings In Shanghai

PAPER "CARPS" HUNG ON POLES

Shanghai, To-day.

Male youngsters in Shanghai's "Little Tokyo" had been impatiently counting calendar leaves for some days past in anticipation of to-day, when all Japanese households celebrate the boys' festival.

Parents were also looking towards the day, not with as much glee, however, as the day means a new drain on the pocketbook. Many a mother sacrificed the purchase of a spring kimono, as did fathers forego a drink of sake so that huge paper carps might be bought.

The carp, because of its vitality, is the traditional symbol of boys in Japan and paper models of the fish are flown from poles atop the homes blessed with male offspring.

Models of Armour

Indoors, models of armour on dolls, representing famous warriors of old in their full battle regalia, take the place of honour in the family living room.

These ornaments cost money, the Shanghai Nippo remarked recently, and many couples were lately seen on shopping expeditions along Woosung Road, it continued.

Prices for one set range from \$28 to \$100, with extraordinary ones costing much more, the paper said.

In Tokyo, the occasion is doubly significant as it is the first festival to be observed by Prince Masakito Yoshinomiya, second son of Their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress.

A "Happy" Fish

The chief outward feature of the day is the flying of large paper fish from flagpoles erected over Japanese residences. Families to whom boys have been born fly these paper fish according to the ancient custom. These fish represent carp, which species was chosen as it is a fighting fish and will battle its way upstream and through rapids to gain its goal. This makes it a happy fish, according to Japanese thought, and a particularly good example for young and growing boys.

In addition to this outward feature, every household with boys will have erected a terraced dais full of "samurai" or warrior dolls, dressed in the ancient armour of Japanese soldiers, together with tiny specimens of their old battle-flags. There will be feasting during the day, with special cakes made for the occasion.

AMERICAN LEGATION BESIEGED

(Continued from Page 1)

Rome: The latest advices from Abyssinia state that the Italian columns are awaiting the arrival of a deputation from Addis Ababa to surrender the city. Planes are ceaselessly circling over the city and its approaches, but have seen no signs of resistance.

LAST RESISTANCE ENDS Djibouti: Ras Nasibou's Turkish adviser, Wehib Pasha, has arrived here from Dire Dawa, indicating that the last Abyssinian organised resistance has collapsed.

SIX MILES AWAY Rome: A message from Asmara states that the advance guard of the mechanised column has linked up with the column of Askaris in the hills six miles from Addis Ababa.—Reuter.

NEGUS EMBARKS

Djibouti: The Emperor of Abyssinia, accompanied by the Empress and other members of the Royal family, embarked on H.M.S. Enterprise at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

BRITISH AID

London, Later: The appeal of the American Legation at Addis Ababa for British help has now reached the British Legation via Washington and London. The Foreign Office states that the request has been transmitted to the British Legation, asking the British Minister to do all he can to help.—Reuter.

Advance On Capital

DENSE COLUMNS OF SMOKE VISIBLE

Djibouti, earlier: The latest news received here about the advance of the Italian troops on Addis Ababa, where they are anxiously awaited to protect the European population against the infuriated rioters, who in the last few months have been more and more inflamed by irresponsible agitators against the "intruding foreigners," is that the Italian advance guard, 15,000 strong, have reached the heights around Addis Ababa, where they are awaiting the general body of the Italian army.

The motorised columns, with Marshal Badoglio and his staff at the head, are about 45 miles distant from the Abyssinian capital. The advance on the city kept up all Sunday night, but at a reduced pace as the roads around Addis Ababa are in a deplorable condition, partly owing to the destruction done by the Abyssinians and partly to the havoc wrought by the tropical rains, and hence are in no state to permit a rapid passage of 3,000 heavy motor-lorries.

From their position on the heights the Italian advance guard can actually see and hear the tumult in Addis Ababa, can see dense columns of smoke rising from the ruins and hear the constant rattle of rifle-fire, that went on all Sunday night. The 1,200 Europeans who have taken refuge in the Legations and whose position is precarious have, however, been informed that Signor Mussolini himself has given the order that the advance on Addis Ababa be accelerated as far as humanly possible. The expectation was that the Italian troops would enter the city yesterday.—Trans-Ocean Service.

ITALY LONE ARBITER

(Continued from Page 1)

Political circles attach great importance to the long conversation yesterday between the British Ambassador and the Under-Secretary of State, Signor Savich, in the course of which the entire position of Abyssinia was discussed. It is understood that Signor Savich informed the Ambassador that the occupation of Addis Ababa by the Italian soldiers had not yet taken place, but was expected hourly, and it is also believed that the result of the conversation was immediately transmitted to London, so as to enable Mr. Anthony Eden to know it before the debate on the Abyssinian question opens in the Commons.

GERMANS SAFE

Addis Ababa: No loss of life has occurred among the German colony at Addis Ababa, thanks to the excellent measures taken by the Charge d'Affaires, Herr Strohm, for its protection, in view of the grave disorders after the

PURITY IN DRESS CANTON CAMPAIGN RE-OPENED

REGULATIONS FOR WOMEN

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Smart ladies have been ordered to-day to discard their fashionable clothes and to don only modest garb, on pain of being arrested. The police decree banning "queer" clothes goes into effect from to-day.

Milady is prohibited from wearing dresses which show bare arms or legs. She must wear knickers reaching down beyond the knees, and they should be of such a length as may be approved by officers of the law. The sleeves must be long enough to cover the elbows.

These detailed regulations are to be enforced again to-day, although they were promulgated last year. The approaching hot summer has made it necessary to re-enforce the sartorial regulations, as smartly dressed women are wearing abbreviated and scanty dresses.

The military and police authorities are sponsors of this dress reform movement for women, and their suggestions have been duly adopted by the civilian authorities.

NO MIXED BATHING

Mixed bathing is again declared illegal. The advocate of separate bathing is Rear-Admiral Chang Chi-yung, Senior Naval Officer of the Canton flotilla. The ruling was not enforced last summer, but as the bathing beaches will be thrown open on May 9 bathers are warned again that men and women should not use the same part of the beach or swim in the same enclosure.

FLIGHT RECORDS ATTEMPTED

Amy Mollison Sets Out For Cape

London, To-day.

Miss Amy Mollison left Gravesend Airport yesterday at 9.03 a.m. on another attempt to break the England to the Cape record, using the same plane as she crashed in on her recent attempt. She reached Oran at 4.05 p.m. local time.

H. L. Brook, holder of the Australian-England solo flight record, also set out yesterday on a flight to the Cape, intended to demonstrate the capabilities of the light aeroplane — he is flying a Hillson Praga — for long-distance flights. He left Leeming Aerodrome just after 2.30 p.m.—British Wireless Service.

DAME CLARA BUTT'S ESTATE

Scholarship To Royal College Of Music

London, To-day.

The estate of the famous singer, Dame Clara Butt, has been proved at £39,517. She left £3,000 to the Royal College of Music, the income to be used for an annual grant to the most successful and deserving male or female local student, who shall previously have won a scholarship there, to assist him or her in starting a career.—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER REPORT

A weak anti-cyclone area lies over the Yangtse Valley, and another is situated to the east of Japan. East winds, moderate; fair, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

Wong Lai-king, a 10-year-old girl, was knocked down by an unknown car in Queen's Road West, yesterday and was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital; and Lam Hin, a boy, aged 7, was knocked down by car No. 2301 in Nathan Road yesterday and taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

Negus's departure.

GRAVE SITUATION

Berlin: The latest reports from Addis Ababa seem to indicate that the situation is still grave, but that the foreign Legations have so far successfully defended themselves.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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